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Air Force enforcing new rule requiring reflective vests for riders

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On the run in Pamplona

A group of fighting bulls takes the "La estafeta" curve during a San Fermín bull run in Pamplona, Spain, on Sunday. The San Fermín festival, famed for its daily bull runs and all-night street parties, dates back to the late 16th century but gained worldwide fame in Ernest Hemingway's 1926 novel "The Sun Also Rises." The bull runs continue daily through Wednesday. Three people were injured on Sunday while two were gored Saturday, and Friday's run was marred by four goings, including of two Americans, and injuries to at least five other runners. In the two previous days, there were no serious injuries. Since recordkeeping began in 1924, 13 people have been killed at the festival.

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Charges against Enron founder:

Enron Corp. founder and former chairman Kenneth Lay said he is sorry for "causing so much commotion" but blamed the media for making matters worse, in an e-mail to his 1960 high school graduation class in Columbia, Mo.

Lay sent the message to a classmate Wednesday — a day before pleading innocent to charges of fraud, conspiracy and making false statements to banks.

Mad cow rules: Consumer groups are upset the government is delaying rules intended to keep the infectious agent for mad cow from getting into the feed given to livestock.

Industry groups say the Food and Drug Administration should take its time.

The agency said Friday it wanted to consider additional restrictions to feed proposals announced in January.

The proposals would strengthen a 1997 rule that says cattle feed cannot contain protein made from other cattle. The goal is to prevent aberrant proteins known as prions, which are blamed for the brain-wasting disease, from being transmitted through feed.

War on terrorism

Iraq war intelligence: Prime Minister Tony Blair's claim before the Iraq war that Saddam Hussein could rapidly launch chemical or biological attacks has been criticized by two former intelligence agents in an interview in London, to be broadcast Sunday.

John Morrison, the former deputy chief of the Defense Intelligence Staff, told the British Broadcasting Corp. TV program "Panorama" that he could "almost hear the collective raspberry going up around Whitehall," when Blair told lawmakers that the threat from Iraq was serious and current.

World

Congo fighting: Congo soldiers clashed with a band of Congo-based Rwandan rebels near the Rwanda border, killing 10 of the insurgents, a Congolese officer said Sunday.

The fighting happened Saturday at Rubare, 30 miles north of the Congo city of Goma, an officer in the region said, speaking on condition of anonymity. Three Congolese soldiers were injured, he said.

There was no immediate confirmation



Korean families reunion: North Korean Yun Byung Chul, 80, right, touches the cheek of his South Korean daughter Yun Sun-won, 58, as they share smiles during the 10th reunion meeting at the Diamond Mountain resort in North Korea on Sunday. Yun Sun-won was among 471 South Koreans who visited North Korea to reunite with their relatives for the first time in more than half a century.

from the U.N. mission in Congo, which has 10,800 troops deployed in the central African country.

Pro-democracy president in Serbia: Serbia's first pro-democracy president since World War II took office Sunday, vowing to bring stability to the Balkan republic and push it closer to the European Union and NATO.

Boris Tadic, 46, leader of opposition Democratic Party, was elected in a June 27 runoff, defeating a hard-line nationalist ally of former President Slobodan Milosevic.

Olympic security: Frustrated by delays, the Greek government has postponed payment on a multimillion-dollar security system being built by an American-led consortium for the Summer Olympics, according to media reports.

The final installment of \$173 million has been put on hold due to government concerns about whether the security system will be ready for the Aug. 13 opening of the games in Athens, the daily To Vima reported Saturday.

Alleged deserter's family reunion: An alleged U.S. Army deserter who fled to North

Korea 40 years ago said he wants his reunited family to remain together, but he has yet to say where they would live, a Japanese official said Sunday.

Meanwhile, the family of North Carolina native Charles Robert Jenkins has reportedly asked President Bush to pardon the former sergeant, who is still wanted on desertion charges.

Japanese elections: Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's ruling coalition appeared to have held its majority in the upper house of parliament in national elections Sunday, but the rival Democratic Party made big gains, Japanese media said.

National broadcaster NHK, citing samples from polling stations, predicted that the ruling coalition would win at least 43 seats, ensuring a majority in the upper house. The opposition Democrats, however, were expected to make significant gains, possibly winning more seats than Koizumi's Liberal Democratic Party.

"There's no doubt we're in a difficult situation," said Fumio Kyuma, LDP deputy secretary-general.

Official results were expected early Monday.

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PACAF tightens, brightens motorcycle rules

Orange or green vests among new riding requirements

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Pacific Air Forces members can forget about emulating the rebel bikers in the movie "Easy Rider."

Motorcycle riding regulations at PACAF bases are some of the strictest in the Air Force following the release of a new supplement that toughens some rules set forth in the service's traffic safety program.

The most noticeable change is the requirement that all motorcycle riders wear an international orange or lime-green safety vest with 90 square inches of reflective material.

The PACAF supplement was released May 17 and already is being enforced at most bases, officials said.

The Air Force requires that riders wear a brightly-colored and contrasting long-sleeve shirt or jacket. A spokesman from PACAF's safety office said in a written statement that the vest was adopted to "clarify the wide array of possibilities left open" by the Air Force instruction.

"Each installation interpreted this statement differently and enforcement was inconsistent," the spokesman said. "The colors chosen reflect the most internationally recognized safety colors. They are highly visible and signify 'Safety' or 'Warning' around the globe."

Most PACAF bases have adopted former Commander Gen. William Begert's zero-tolerance policy to enforce the vest rule: First-time violators lose motorcy-



MARK RANKIN/Stars and Stripes

Airman 1st Class Andrew Junker, 20, from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Combat Mobility Element at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, rides his Honda VFR-400 Thursday on the base.

cle-driving privileges for 15 days; a second citation within 12 months results in a 30-day suspension; and a third ticket in a year equals no riding for 12 months.

Anderson Air Force Base on Guam began enforcing the vest requirement July 1, said Master Sgt. John Hancock, a base spokesman. The 36th Security Forces Squadron and 36th Air Base Wing Safety Office are conducting random checks throughout the installation.

Officials at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, and Misawa Air Base in northern Japan said they, too, have implemented the new PACAF vest standard.

At Yokota Air Base near Tokyo,

security forces began issuing warnings to bikers not in compliance, but the cops probably won't start ticketing until Sept. 1, said Tech. Sgt. Gantus Neal, acting ground safety manager for the 374th Airfield Wing. The delay gives motorcyclists a heads-up and time for the military clothing store on base to restock the vests. "They ran out of the international orange and lime-green vests around the first of July," Neal said. "They should be coming in soon. When they do, we'll get word out to all our motorcycle riders."

The vests cost \$10.25 and are available at base military clothing stores and some base exchanges.

Master Sgt. Adrian Martinez, the 35th Fighter Wing's ground safety manager at Misawa, said the vest is intended to make riders more visible to other motorists, but some riders feel that it cramps their style since it doesn't allow them to show off their club colors. There are three motorcycle clubs at Misawa, though only one is affiliated with the base.

Eddie Fortunato, a servicemember assigned to Misawa and a member of the Koushins Cruiserz club, said: "I do not think the vest is a good idea." Stressing that he's speaking as a biker and not for the military, Fortunato said one of his biggest concerns is that the bright vest might make any mili-

tary member off base a target to would-be terrorists. "Wearing the vest makes the motorcycle no more safe," he added.

But Tech. Sgt. Joseph Kremposky, a fellow club member and Motorcycle Safety Foundation course instructor, isn't bothered by the vest requirement, "just as long as I'm able to keep riding the bike," he said. "We just have had too many accidents, so I guess what we have right now isn't working. Why not try something new?"

Across the Air Force, 24 airmen lost their lives on motorcycles in fiscal year 2003. In PACAF, a Misawa biker was killed off base in July 2003, and an airman assigned to Yokota died after his bike collided with a truck in early June of this year.

Some other new PACAF regulations governing motorcycle use, according to military safety officials, include the following:

■ All new motorcycle riders who have not completed a Motorcycle Safety Foundation course are restricted to bikes with engines of less than 600 cubic centimeters (4 stroke) and 200 cubic centimeters (2 stroke). The riders must take the MSF Experienced Rider Course after one year of riding experience before they can ride a bigger bike. All riders must show proof of purchase prior to June 2, 2004, to request an exemption to the rule.

■ All motorcycle riders must take the MSF Experienced Rider Course every two years.

Kremposky said he supports the latter requirement. "You have people who have been riding 15, 20 years who haven't refined their skills in a while and have probably picked up a lot of bad habits," he said.

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Sailor falls to his death

Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — A 20-year-old USS Kitty Hawk sailor fell seven stories to his death Saturday from a Yokosuka building walkway, base officials said.

The seaman, a fireman who had spent about two years in the Navy, died at about 5:35 p.m. Saturday. He apparently fell from a walkway, part of a downtown Yokosuka building located across the street from the Yokosuka Fire Department and about two blocks from the town's main train station, said Lt. Brook Dewalt, a Kitty Hawk spokesman.

There was no immediate indication the sailor's death was anything other than accidental, Dewalt said, and there were Japanese witnesses. An investigation is being conducted.

The sailor was not identified, pending notification of his family. His body was taken to the base hospital, and Dewalt said it would probably undergo an autopsy on Okinawa.

Misawa Girl Scouts

The USA Girl Scouts Overseas of Misawa Air Base, Japan, is looking for adults and girls to join their troop.

Girls ages 5-17 (grades K-12) can join the troop. Adults are needed to volunteer as leaders, trainers, drivers, event staff, treasurers, guest speakers and in many other positions.

Girl Scouts is an organization dedicated to fun, friendship and the power of girls together through the help of caring and concerned adults.

For more information, to join the troop or to volunteer, contact the Misawa Girl Scouts at DSN 226-4955 or e-mail misawagirlscouts@hotmail.com.

Atsugi anti-drug volunteers

The Drug Education for Youth at Atsugi Naval Air Facility, Japan, seeks volunteers for its 2004 program.

Mentors, administrative assistants and general helpers are needed. Call DSN 264-3232/4422 for more information.

Free summer camp

Atsugi Naval Air Facility's Drug Education for Youth organization is hosting a free summer camp at Tama Hills for base children ages 9-12. Twenty-three spots are available.

The camp integrates fun with physical fitness and teaches self-esteem, gang resistance and substance-abuse resistance.

Call DSN 264-3232/4422 for more information.

Become a housing mayor

The Housing Office at Atsugi Naval Air Facility, Japan, needs mayors.

Areas needing mayors include: Buildings 3037-3041, 3053, 3054, 3137, 3141 (Area 3), 3033, 3036, 3116-3124 (Area 4), 3059-3068 (Area 8), 3044-3049 (Area 9), Tower 914 (Area 13).

Contact the Housing Office at DSN 264-3795/3887/3237 for more information or to sign up.

Elementary school hours

Shirley Lanham Elementary School at Atsugi Naval Air Facility, Japan, has new customer-service hours for the summer.

The new hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, but it's closed from noon to 1 p.m.

Sumay Drive resurfacing

Commander, Naval Forces Marianas officials have begun resurfacing Sumay Drive from Guam from Marine Drive, next to the gas sta-

tion, to the new parking lot in front of Building 3190.

The existing lot at Building 3190 will be repainted as part of the project.

On Saturday, workers will pave the portion of Sumay Drive from the Guam Ship Yard Access Road to the Sumay Cemetery.

Call DSN 333-2051 for more information

Sasebo USO auction

Sasebo Naval Base's United Service Organizations Charity Auction is Saturday at the Harbor View Club and features merchandise from the Far East and Europe.

Auction preview begins at 10:30 a.m., while auction time is 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The first 120 customers receive a gift, organizers said. Also planned are silent auction tables, raffle prizes and a grand prize.

Call USO Director D.J. Stanhope at DSN 252-3873, or Espie Limon at DSN 252-3959 for more information.

Benefit car wash

The USS San Francisco Wives Group is holding a fund-raising car wash Saturday at the Commander, Naval Forces Marianas Autoport from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations will be accepted.

Contact Deanna Brown at 564-7432 for more information.

From staff reports

U.S.-German ties slowly coming undone

Millions of GIs have enjoyed stays in Germany, but with drawdown expected, the warm sentiment fostered in the Cold War era may fade

BY HARRY LEVINS

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

A ST. LOUIS part of a worldwide reshuffle of military forces, the Pentagon is expected to announce this month a dramatic drawdown in the ranks of the 71,000 soldiers and airmen stationed in Germany.

Some people say the loss to Germany will go way past the money that the GIs spend in beer halls. These specialists in German-American relations say that in the coming decades, the cutback will remove from American society some of Germany's best friends.

The thinking: Paring back the military ranks in Germany will all but dry up a stream that has flowed for almost six decades.

This stream takes young Americans into military service, floats them to Germany for a year and a half or more, bobs them back to the United States and finally washes them ashore into civilian life.

Almost universally, they enjoyed their time in Germany.

"It was the centerpiece of my military career," says retired Army Maj. Gen. William L. Nash, now with the Council on Foreign Relations. "It was hard soldering and good times."

In theory, at least, the good times and good memories give Germany a big pool of boosters in America, the world's richest and most powerful nation. No other foreign nation enjoys such an asset.

That draws a nod from Charles Moskos of Northwestern University. He served there as a draftee in the 1950s and now specializes in the sociology of the armed forces.

Duty in Japan or South Korea rarely evoked such good feelings, Moskos said. "Remember, a GI in Japan or Korea was even richer, comparatively, than a GI in Germany," he said. "But you don't get the same degree of sympathy from them that you get from the guys who served in Germany."

Even years after their time as troops, those service men and women speak of Germany with nostalgia and affection. Just ask St. Louis' Theresa Eisele, a German native.

For three decades, until the mid-1960s, Eisele ran the Bavarian Inn on Arsenal Street near Gravois Avenue. On summer Saturday nights, perhaps a third of the crowd jamming the picnic tables in her outdoor beer garden consisted of ex-GIs, swilling beer and swaying to the oom-pah-pah music.

And I never talked to one who didn't like Germany," Eisele says.

Nationally, the Pentagon is unable to say how many Americans in uniform have had the chance to experience Germany.

Northwestern's Moskos estimates the total at 5 million since the end of World War II. At the



JOHN MILLAR/Stars and Stripes

A gathering of more than 5,000 German demonstrators snake their way through the streets of Kitzingen in 1991 to show support for America's involvement in the Gulf War. But times have changed, and Germany does not support the current U.S.-led war in Iraq.

German Embassy in Washington, spokesman Oliver Schramm offers a figure of 1.5 million but concedes that the estimate is just a guess.

Whatever the number, Moskos says, "It's darned near universal among veterans that serving in Germany was a positive experience."

Military writer Ralph Peters served three tours in Germany and says, "It gave us exposure to a foreign culture, and the living was nice."

Nash remembers what the experience did for his young soldiers: "It taught them about a different part of the world — you know, learning how to ski, and practicing drinking beer."

At St. Louis University, political scientist Tim Lomperis calls the presence of American troops in Germany "a great big people-to-people program, in a much less formal way. The military lets it happen with middle-class and blue-collar Americans, not just the intellectual class."

The positives have flowed in both directions.

"I don't know of any comprehensive studies," says Giles Hoyt, who directs the Max Kade German-American Center at Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis. "But intuitively, you'd think the American presence has had an enormously positive effect for Germany."

For one thing, Hoyt says, generations of Americans have willingly subsidized the military defense of Germany. He says the fact that so many ex-GIs enjoyed Germany has probably been crucial to this political support.

And military writer Peters sees another big plus for Germany.

"Right after World War II, the Germans were in the cosmic doghouse," he says. "It was tremen-

dously to Germany's benefit to have American soldiers there. It bought Germany an amazingly rapid pass on what the Germans had done — maybe T00 rapid."

North Carolina's Weinberg says, "Ironically, the Germans themselves have never understood this benefit. The fact is, there are large numbers of Americans — many of them from segments of society that do not ordinarily travel abroad — who provide a reservoir of good will for Germany all across America."

But the level of that reservoir has dropped. In 1962, a tense time in the Cold War, perhaps 350,000 Americans were serving in Germany.

Now, only a fifth of that number live there and soon that number could shrink even more, also shrinking any advantage to Germany.

The people of Germany never grasped this," Weinberg says. "Now, with large numbers of American soldiers already gone, they're at least starting to think about it."

In the 1950s and early '60s, Peters says, "the U.S. Army had a love affair with Germany. It showed up back home in pop culture, with hit songs like 'Danke Schoen,' 'Auf Wiedersehen' and 'Fraulein.'"

In recent decades, the relationship has lost some of its warm-and-fuzzy feeling. For one thing, a weaker dollar has made life less fun for GIs.

"There's a big difference between 4 marks to the dollar and 1.6 marks to the dollar," says Army Col. Jay Parker, who teaches international affairs at West Point and who served in Germany for four-plus years.

Peters says that as Germans prospered, they began to look

with disdain on soldiers.

"Their own army wasn't very good," he says, "and they translated that to us. They started calling all soldiers 'Versager' — a failure."

West Point's Parker says that by the '80s, young Germans had come to terms with their own country's history and were challenging the United States on issues ranging from the strategic (the deployment of missiles) to the mundane (the disruption caused by tanks on maneuvers).

Most recently, Germany's refusal to support the war in Iraq has chilled feelings, Peters says. "The Germans blindsided us. That produced a spurned-lover reaction."

Still, says Indianapolis' Hoyt, "France, not Germany, took most of the American criticism in the neck. And I think much of that goes back to the positive feelings for Germany."

Others have their doubts. Among them is political scientist James Davis of Washington University. Although he enjoyed his stint as a soldier in Germany in 1959-60, he questions

whether the collective GI experience has made much of a mark on the big picture of international relations.

Davis says any edge for Germany might well result "from lots of immigrants in this country coming from Germany. And don't forget Germany's contributions to Western culture, music and religion — Martin Luther. If Germany has an edge, it is very broadly based."

Moskos says "German-Americans are the largest single ethnic group in the country. So even though Germany was on the wrong side in two world wars, there was a common cultural compatibility" — one that extended way past nostalgic ex-GIs.

Still, says Moskos, "It wouldn't have occurred to the same degree without the GIs."

Another professor at the University of North Carolina, military historian Richard H. Kohn, says a sharp cutback in the number of GIs in Germany will carry a cost for the United States — "the abandonment of a powerful human tie with the most powerful European nation, a nation right in the middle of Europe."

And at St. Louis University, Lomperis takes a view that stretches far beyond the United States and Germany.

He says the GIs "represent a reservoir of support not just for Germany but also for Atlantic ties through NATO."

As Lomperis puts it: "Remember, NATO is more than a military alliance. It's an Atlantic community and maintaining a permanent American garrison in Europe is a way of solidifying the foundations of this community."



GUS SCHUTTLER/Stars and Stripes

Sgt. Elvis Presley poses for a photo as he signs autographs for local residents in Friedberg, Germany, in 1960. Presley brought superstar glitz to Germany during his tour there.

Al-Zarqawi claims Iraqis deadly Samarra attacks

By DANICA KIRKA
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A militant group linked to Jordanian terrorist suspect Abu Musab al-Zarqawi claimed responsibility Sunday for a recent attack on a military headquarters in Samarra that killed five U.S. soldiers and one Iraqi National Guardsman.

The claim by al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad movement, which was posted on a Web site known for being a clearinghouse for such statements, claimed that dozens of Americans and hundreds of Iraqis died in Thursday's assault. The U.S. military has said insurgents detonated a car bomb and then fired mortars at the building used jointly by the 1st Infantry Division and Iraqi guardsmen.

"One of the lions of the martyrs' brigade, entered the building and destroyed it completely, plus six Hummers, including those who were inside them, thank God," the al-Zarqawi group said in its statement.

As soldiers tried to escape from the building, "the soldiers of God were waiting for them and rained those who came with mortar shells," the statement said.

The accuracy of the group's account could not be verified.

The five 1st ID soldiers killed in the attack have not been identified.

Also Sunday, a roadside bomb targeting a U.S. patrol near the city of Samarra killed two U.S. soldiers and wounded three others, the military said in a statement.

The soldiers, from the 1st ID, were wounded when an improvised explosive device blew up near their convoy about 4:30 p.m., the statement said.

A coordinated roadside bomb attack on a U.S. convoy in northern Iraq on Sunday killed one U.S. soldier and an Iraqi civilian, the military said.

The claim, in which one soldier also was wounded, began Sunday in Beiji about 90 miles south of the northern city of Mosul when a bomb exploded at the side of the road, the military said in a statement. A ve-



A liquor store employee inspects a vehicle damaged when unknown assailants attacked a liquor store in Baghdad on Sunday. Three liquor stores in Baquba were blown up on Saturday, prompting concern that Islamic militants may be trying to impose their strict interpretation of Islam there.

hicle then raced toward the patrol and fired on the soldiers, who returned fire, killing the driver, the military said.

On Saturday, four U.S. Marines died in a vehicle accident while conducting security operations in an area of western Iraq, the U.S. command said Sunday.

The Marines died in Anbar, a Sunni-dominated area west of the Iraqi capital that includes Ramadi, Fallujah and Qaim on the Syrian border. They were assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

On the same day, U.S. Marines clashed with guerrillas taking cover at a taxi stand in a stronghold of support for Saddam's ousted regime, killing three people and wounding five, military and hospital officials said.

Insurgents clad in black attacked the Marines in the city of Ramadi, a hotbed of

anti-coalition sentiment. U.S. forces returned fire, blasting the stand into a twisted pile of molten metal. Blood pooled on the asphalt. At least one child was wounded in the crossfire.

Also Saturday, masked attackers gunned down Sunni cleric Abdul-Majeed al-Jinawi and his driver near a mosque in the southern city of Basra, police 1st Lt. Ahmed Abdul-Hameed said. The bodies were discovered Sunday.

In Baquba, north of Baghdad, about 100 protesters marched through the shopping district Sunday chanting pro-Saddam slogans, waving rifles and carrying posters of the former leader.

Insurgents blew up three liquor stores in Baquba on Saturday, prompting concern that Islamic militants may be trying to impose their strict interpretation of Islam there, witnesses said. The blasts killed a

passing taxi driver, said Dr. Nassir Jawad from Baquba General Hospital.

Also in Baquba, insurgents detonated two roadside bombs Saturday as a U.S. patrol passed. Two soldiers and one civilian were wounded in the two incidents. All were evacuated to a combat hospital, said Maj. Neil O'Brien, the spokesman for the 1st Infantry Division.

Meanwhile, the fate of captured Filipino worker Angelo dela Cruz remained unclear. His captors demanded that the Philippine government withdraw its 51-member force from Iraq by Saturday or dela Cruz would be beheaded. Another 4,100 Filipinos work as key contractors on U.S. bases.

The Philippines foreign secretary said Sunday the country will not withdraw its troops from Iraq sooner than their scheduled Aug. 20 departure as demanded by militants threatening to behead dela Cruz.

Officials in the Philippines said Saturday that dela Cruz was about to be freed. But a diplomat familiar with the talks in Baghdad remained cautious, and the Al-Jazeera television station, which broadcast the original tape showing dela Cruz surrounded by armed men, said it received a statement Saturday night from the group denying he had been freed and calling him a "prisoner of war." "We continue to do everything we can in order to secure the release of Angelo dela Cruz," Foreign Secretary Dela Albert said Sunday.

In the statement, the group calling itself the Iraqi Islamic Army-Khaleel Bin Al-Waleed Corps gave the Philippines an extension until Sunday night, according to Al-Jazeera.

Meanwhile, Bulgaria expressed hope that two Bulgarian truck drivers also kidnapped by militants were still alive.

Al-Zarqawi's group threatened to kill the men if the United States did not release all Iraqi detainees — an ultimatum that has expired.

Bulgarian Foreign Minister Solomon Pasi suggested Saturday that the men were still alive, though he warned the information was "unconfirmed."

Sabotage of oil, power in Iraq may be inside job

By JIM KRANE
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Saboteurs launching attacks on Iraq's oil and electricity infrastructure appear to be employees working in the industry or others acting on inside information, reconstruction officials said Sunday.

A Western diplomat in Baghdad said the "precise" targeting of especially vulnerable or valu-

able portions of the oil and electricity systems — and even a sewage treatment plant — has increased the damage to critical infrastructure beyond what would be expected from random attacks.

The diplomat declined to reveal the locations that had been sabotaged.

Interim Prime Minister Iyad Alawi has blamed such attacks for a nationwide loss of power of

more than four hours a day. Iraq's pipelines transport crude oil for export and also carry it to oil-fired power generators that provide domestic electricity.

Alawi said saboteurs have attacked vital oil pipelines 130 times in the last seven months, causing hundreds of millions of dollars in damage and lost revenues, hindering Iraq's efforts to rebuild and adding to the hardships of average Iraqis.

The Western diplomat said insurgents were suspected of using blackmail and threats to coerce Iraqi workers to launch attacks or to provide information on vulnerable locations in the country's oil pipelines and electric power lines.

Funding and information for the sabotage also may be flowing into Iraq from other countries, the diplomat said.

Oil Minister Thamer al-Ghadban said Dow Jones Newswires on Sunday that his ministry will extend for "a few months" a contract with South African security contractor Erins International that was set to expire in less than a month.

Al-Ghadban said he would also expand the 14,000-member Iraqi force created to protect the infrastructure.

Steve Wright, a spokesman for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said sabotage of key infrastructure appears to have been planned before the U.S.-led invasion last year by members of Saddam Hussein's government. In some cases, Iraqi oil wells were wired to be set on fire.

Now, Iraqis hired by the Army Corps of Engineers to work in Iraq's oil and electric infrastruc-



An Iraqi security officer guards the area around an oil pipeline fire at Al-Mishadah, Iraq, on June 22 after an overnight explosion.

ture have to go through background checks overseen by the new U.S. Embassy, Wright said.

Arab tribal leaders living near pipeline routes are also being hired to protect the lines, he said.

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BY HUSSEIN DAKROUB
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BEIRUT, Lebanon — Relatives of a U.S. Marine who surfaced in Beirut nearly three weeks after an apparent kidnapping in Iraq appeared for understanding from fellow Arabs on Saturday, saying the Lebanese-born man emigrated and joined the Marines for financial reasons.

Cpt. Wassef Ali Hassoun was doing well and recovering at a U.S. military hospital in Germany after being flown out of Lebanon on Friday.

A Marine spokesman said. He is expected to return to his home unit in Camp Lejeune, N.C., next week.

In Hassoun's native city of Tripoli, his family issued a statement saying he was forced to go to the United States and join the Marines because of the deteriorating economic situation caused by Lebanon's 1975-90 civil war.

The statement appeared at counteracting criticism by some fundamentalist Sunni Muslims in Tripoli who have accused Hassoun's family of being "American agents and collaborators." It stressed the family's Arab and Islamic ties, and its loyalty to Lebanon.

"We are a family of Lebanese Arab Muslims. We are not seeking to defend ourselves," the Hassoun family's statement said. "But we would like to thank the Lebanese for sympathizing with one of their sons [Hassoun] who was pushed by the difficult living conditions in their home country to emigrate

and forced to work in a position that they may not like."

The statement said Hassoun, 24, was "driven by the lure of a good life to emigrate, [but he] might have made a mistake by choosing to sign a four-year contract with the U.S. Navy, which expires by the end of 2005."

On Thursday, two people were killed and three others wounded in a Tripoli gunbattle between members of the Hassoun clan and business rivals who taunted them as being American collaborators.

The Hassoun clan, estimated at about 4,000 people, lives mostly in Tripoli and Dinniyah, northern areas where anti-American fundamentalist Sunni Muslim groups are dominant.

Hassoun, who joined the Marines in 2001, vanished June 20 from his base near the troubled Iraqi city of Fallujah where he had been working as an Arabic translator.

A week later, he appeared in a videotape aired on Arab television that showed him being held hostage by militants. His eyes were blindfolded with a white cloth, and a sword was hanging over his head.

Days later, there were conflicting reports about his fate — first that he was beheaded, then that he was alive. He showed up Thursday at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, but it was unclear how he reached Lebanon and contacted American officials.

The Navy is investigating whether the entire kidnapping might have been a hoax.



Former Iraqi soldiers gesture at U.S. troops blocking their protest outside the former Presidential Palace in Baghdad to demand the restoration of the dissolved Iraqi Army on June 9. The Iraqi army was dissolved by the U.S. administration in Iraq to pave the way for the formation of the new Iraqi Corps, but the new prime minister of Iraq wants to call some soldiers back to duty to help restore order in the country.

AP

Iraq's army may come back

BY CHARLES J. HANLEY
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Iraq's new leader wants to call some of its old army back to duty to help restore peace in his war-torn land.

Disbanding that defeated force 13 months ago was a mistake made in Washington, says a U.S. Army colonel who held a pivotal role in Baghdad at the time.

"It was because ideology ruled where reality should have," Col. Paul F. Hughes, who was strategic policy director for the U.S. occupation authority, said of last year's decision.

Other key players said the order came not from then-Iraq administrator L. Paul Bremer, as believed, but from a top-level civilian official in the Defense Department in Washington, and that it was done without consulting U.S. military chiefs.

With no Iraqi security forces on hand, the U.S. military was left almost alone to confront an Iraqi insurgency and crime wave that built through 2003 — fed in part by armed soldiers of the disbanded army.

"Anyone who ever worked in any country after a losing war knows you have to do something with the old soldiers," Hughes said. "Otherwise, they're out of work and they will do what people do: what you know how to use guns do."

Iyad Allawi, Iraq's interim prime minister, says he hopes to reconstitute three or four divisions of the old army — up to 40,000 troops, about 10 percent of the huge force maintained under the ousted Baathist government of Saddam Hussein.

Allawi first spoke out against the U.S. decision last October, as a member of Iraq's governing council. By May, before taking over as interim prime minister, he said, "We need an army, full stop."

His approval last week of legislation permitting martial law and military governors makes an army recall "imperative," said Ray Salvatore Jennings, an expert in postwar transitions with the government-financed U.S. Institute of Peace.

Last August, the U.S. command in Iraq began training a "New Iraqi Army" of light infantry, but the slow-paced program has produced only an estimated 7,000 troops, far short of the 40,000-member military the Americans once projected for October 2004.

Meanwhile, the first trained battalion fell apart when more than one-third of the men deserted, and the 2nd Battalion refused to fight alongside U.S. Marines against insurgents in the city of Fallujah this April.

The U.S. command says other newly organized security forces, including police and a lightly armed national guard, are more than 200,000 strong. But they are short on equipment and training.

They were not intended to fight a pitched battle against well-armed insurgents," the U.S. General Accounting Office notes in a new assessment of postwar Iraq, where 138,000 U.S. troops bear the brunt of the fighting.

Jay Garner, the retired Army general who was the first U.S. administrator in Baghdad, went to Iraq in April 2003 planning to use the old army in a rebuilding role, keeping troops organized and paid.

Then the May 23, 2003, decree came down dissolving the army, signed by the newly arrived Bremer.

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Security adviser: Iraq will be free of WMDs

BY NADIA ABU EL-MAGD
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq will be free of weapons of mass destruction and never again subject to threatening its neighbors, a top Iraqi official said Sunday.

Muwwaffaq al-Rubaie, Iraq's national security adviser, also pledged that the interim government would honor the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty as well as international agreements banning the use of chemical and biological weapons.

"Iraq officially declares it will be a country free of any weapons of mass destruction," al-Rubaie told reporters during a news conference. "Iraq will never again resort to threatening its neighbors, as Saddam did."

Saddam Hussein's alleged possession of such weapons was one of President Bush's declared reasons for invading Iraq last year. The hunt for weapons of mass destruction has proved largely unsuccessful.

In a blow to both the Bush administration and the

CIA, a scathing U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee report released last week concluded that assertions used to justify the Iraq war — namely that Saddam had chemical and biological weapons and was working to build nuclear weapons — were either wrong or overstated.

Al-Rubaie minimized the importance of not finding such weapons.

"As a national security adviser, I don't think that this is very important," he said. "Iraq and the Iraqis waited for 35 years to get rid of Saddam and his regime, not only because he owned WMD or was using them against his people, but because of the mass graves, concentration camps, oppression, and economic backwardness and wasting Iraq's riches."

The adviser said Iraq will call for every country in the region to consider ridding itself of such weapons.

Al-Rubaie said Iraq's primary security threat comes from Saddam die-hards and followers of Jordanian-born terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who is believed to be behind a series of car bombs and other attacks in Iraq.

IN THE STATES

Sept. 11 panel nears completion of report



Members of the Sept. 11 commission, seated on stage, listen to the staff report on Emergency Preparedness and Response hearings in May. The commission is finishing up its final report, and several members say it will be done as early as Friday. It also appears to have unanimous support among the panel.

BY HOPE YEN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Working in secret, the Sept. 11 commission is finishing a final report that several members believe will be done by week's end and have unanimous support.

The endorsement of all 10 commissioners is important if the findings and recommendations for improvements — most notably in intelligence-gathering — are to avoid charges of partisanship in a presidential election year.

"They are all taking their broader responsibility seriously," said Norm Ornstein, a political analyst at the American Enterprise Institute. "They know this is not about scoring political points in the heart of a campaign but about making sure the attacks don't happen again."

A report without any dissenters would be an accomplishment given the charges of partisanship that surfaced during public hearings featuring officials such as national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, Attorney General John Ashcroft and former counterterrorism chief Richard Clarke.

As recently as last month, former Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., and several other com-

missioners on the panel of five Republicans and five Democrats said unanimity might not be possible.

The meetings since then have changed his mind.

"We've had a good personal relationship with no traces of partisanship," Gorton said.

Added Democratic commissioner Jamie Gorelick, a former deputy attorney general in the Clinton administration: "We have a lot of consensus."

Commissioners and their staff have interviewed more than 1,000 witnesses, including President Bush, and reviewed more than 2 million documents.

The final report is due July 26. The commission hopes to have the report finished this week and wants to release the 500-plus-page document on July 22 to avoid competing with the Democratic National Convention, which begins on July 26.

The public release will be dictated by the White House, which is reviewing the report to ensure that no classified information is disclosed. That is not seen as a major stumbling block, however.

Once the report is cleared for release it will be available to the public via the Internet and at bookstores.

Descendants of Hamilton, Burr revisit historic duel

BY STEVE STRUNSKY

The Associated Press

WEEHAWKEN, N.J. — The bitter grudge between their ancestors has long faded, but on Sunday descendants of Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr marked their paces with pistols in hand.

Antonio Burr, a descendant of Burr's cousin, arrived by rowboat in period costume and fired a replica of the .54-caliber pistol that mortally wounded Hamilton 200 years ago in the July 11, 1804, duel.

Douglas Hamilton, a fifth-great-grandson of Hamilton, feigned the historic hip wound, dropping to one knee and then falling to the ground in a sitting position.

The event was the families' first meeting in two centuries.

"It wasn't something on my top 100 list, but it was nice to meet Antonio Burr," Douglas Hamilton said afterward. "He seems to be a very nice man, though I'm not sure I'm going to be on his Christmas card list."

Still, Douglas Hamilton noted his famous ancestor had forgiven Aaron Burr on his deathbed and so could he.

"Just being shot 31 hours earlier, if he could forgive Burr, far be it for me not to honor that," said Hamilton, an IBM salesman from suburban Columbus, Ohio.

More than 1,000 people attended the re-enactment near the Hudson River. The original duel's exact site is unknown because the waterfront area is so dramatically different than it was 200 years ago, historians said Sunday.

An estimated 60 descendants of Hamilton attended the event, as did 40 members of the Aaron Burr Association.

Hamilton, a signer of the Constitution and the nation's first Treasury secretary, had a simmering feud with his long-time rival Burr, the vice president under Thomas Jefferson.

Even today, some relatives question how the feud between the two began.

"There was an animosity on the part of Alexander Hamilton toward Aaron Burr for which there was nothing in Aaron Burr's record that could be justified," Antonio Burr, a psychologist from New York, said Sunday.

When Burr ran for governor of New York in early 1804, Hamilton denounced him as untrustworthy. Burr lost. Burr later complained about a newspaper article that reported Hamilton had expressed a "despicable opinion" of him.

Disatisfied with Hamilton's explanation, Burr, then the sitting vice president,



Douglas Hamilton, playing the part of his ancestor Alexander Hamilton, acts mortally wounded Sunday during the re-enactment marking the 200th anniversary of the Hamilton-Burr duel.

challenged him to the duel.

Shot by Burr, Hamilton returned to New York, where he died the next day. Burr was indicted on murder charges in New York and New Jersey but was never tried, and he finished his term as vice president in 1805.

After Sunday's highly orchestrated event, Douglas Hamilton and Antonio Burr and their families headed to Hamilton Park, where two new plaques honoring Burr and Hamilton were to be dedicated.

Senators urge quick CIA post replacement

BY HOPE YEN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Senate report detailing serious flaws in U.S. intelligence-gathering highlights the urgent need for a permanent CIA director given the current terrorist threat, leaders of the Senate Intelligence Committee said Sunday.

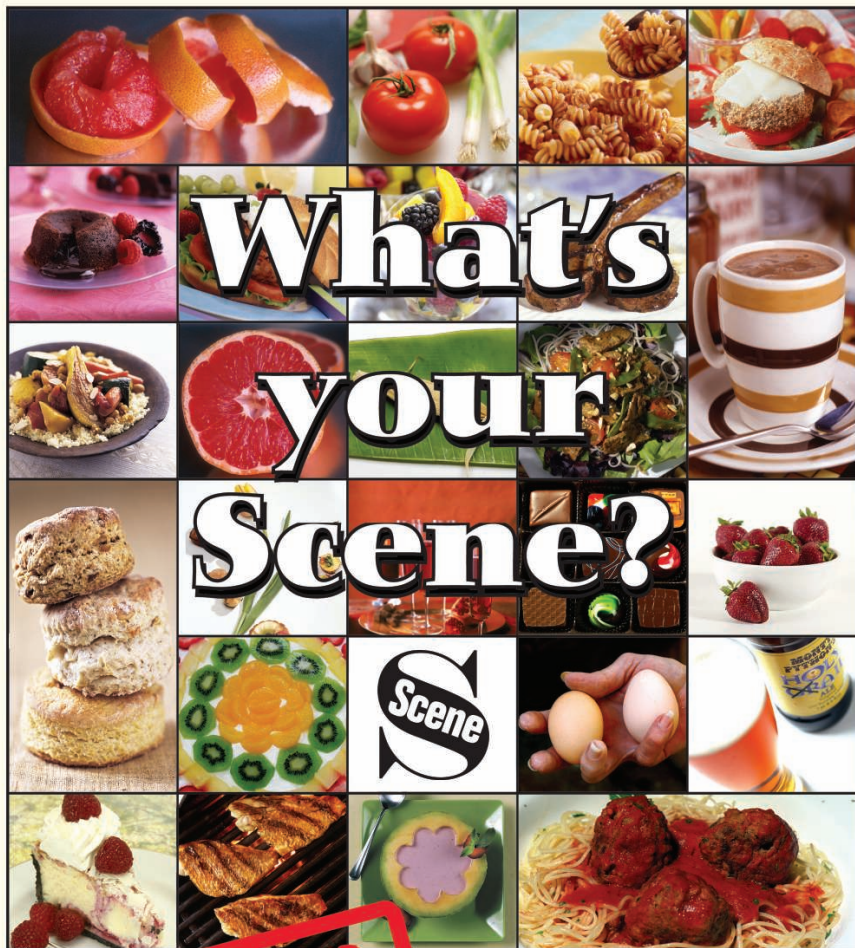
George Tenet, who announced in early June that he was resigning for personal reasons, left the agency on Sunday after seven years as director. His deputy, John McLaughlin, took over as acting director.

"An acting director for the next six or seven months, during such a dangerous period for the United States, with all of these talks about attacks on the United States, is not acceptable," said West Virginia Sen. Jay Rockefeller, the committee's top Democrat.

The chairman, Sen. Pat Roberts, said McLaughlin's ability to lead is limited as acting director even though he is "very skilled" and brings a lot of experience to the job.

"I hope the administration will send somebody up," said Roberts, R-Kan. "It will have to be an extraordinary nominee. If that's the case, we will fill time into the hearings to get him or her confirmed."

Committee members discussed several possible nominees: Deputy Secretary of State Richard L. Armitage; former Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga.; House Intelligence Committee Chairman Porter Goss, R-Fla.; and former Navy Secretary John Lehman, a member of the commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.



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'Game nights' gain popularity in bars, cafes

From Uno to Candyland, games rule

By MARTHA IRVINE
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Some cozy up at coffee houses to challenge friends to a game of Monopoly or, perhaps, Battleship.

Others gather in pubs for a rowdy night of trivia, with prizes ranging from bragging rights to baseball tickets.

"Game night" has become the rage in many U.S. cities, as people search for new ways to socialize beyond the traditional bar scene.

"Everyone really gets into it," says Samantha Donaldson, a 25-year-old government worker who recently began competing in the packed "quizz trivia night" at the Penn. Avenue Four House in Washington, D.C. She's enjoyed answering questions that test her breadth of knowledge, such as one category that challenged players to identify famous people with the initials "J.J." (James Joyce and Jermaine Jackson among them).

But quiz night — a tradition with British roots that's gained popularity over the years with TV shows such as "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire" and "Weakest Link" — is just one version of game night.

At the Whistle Stop Bar in San Diego, patrons can play old standbys, from Candyland to Uno, during "games & grooves" night.

And several W hotels, including those in New York, San Francisco and Honolulu, have placed board games in their lobbies for guests to use.

Robin LaSota, a 36-year-old Chicagoan, has started storing Cranium — a popular game first marketed at Starbucks — in the trunk of her car.

"You just never know when it



Ryoko Patrascu, 17, of Chicago, left, and Victoria Mareszalki, 18, of Harwood Heights, Ill., play the ancient Chinese board game of "Go" at a meeting of the Evanston Go Club, in Evanston, Ill. "Game nights" that feature everything from trivia quizzes to old standbys like Monopoly and Scrabble are becoming increasingly popular at bars, cafes and coffee houses.

might come in handy," says LaSota, who's helped her Stanford University alumni club organize game nights in people's homes.

"It makes gatherings more fun and meaningful."

At least one board game-maker says the notion that game night is only for kids or those with a limited social calendar also is disappearing.

"It's not the nerdy thing that people might think it is. It's actually a great way to meet people," says Eric Poses, a 30-year-old from Santa Monica, Calif., who created the game Loaded Questions in 1997. That game, which is making the rounds at coffee houses and bars, features queries aimed at sparking conversation about hidden talents and favorite pastimes, among other things.

The fad seems to be having an impact on sales of "adult" board games.

They were up 5 percent in 2003, compared with the previous

year, according to The NPD Group, a research firm that tracks toy and game sales. That's a notable increase, say those in the industry, since overall toy sales fell about 3 percent during the same period.

"Obviously, games are something that stand the test of time," says Jim Silver, publisher of Toy Book, a trade publication.

That's certainly the case with Go, an ancient Asian game in which players strategically place black and white "stones" on a board to gain territory.

Mark Rubenstein, a 52-year-old software developer, used to call it a good night when more than two people showed up at an Evanston, Ill., cafe to play the game in the mid-'90s. Now, as many as 40 players come to play on any given night.

Sonja Rygielski, a 17-year-old high school student from Chicago, sought out the club after seeing a Japanese cartoon called

"Hikaru No Go," about a boy who is inhabited by the ghost of an old Go player.

"It gets your mind going when there's no school," she said, while taking a break from a game.

Chris Urso — a 20-year-old college student whose math instructor introduced him to Go — says he was looking for something beyond computer games.

"This is three-dimensional," he says. "You can talk to the person you're playing."

Not that video games have to be anti-social. Teens in Lake Oswego, Ore., and elsewhere are creating their own version of game night by hosting "LAN" parties — hooking into each other's Xbox, GameCube or PlayStation games via speedy local area networks, so they can play together in the same room while eating pizza.

Some call it the new alternative to the traditional sleeper.

On the adult end of the spectrum, pub and coffee house own-

ers say game nights help bring in business.

"It's a good way to build a loyal clientele that feels warmly about the place and invested in the place," says Maurice Collins, owner of The Wild Colonial Tavern in Providence, R.I., which has a quiz night every Sunday.

But Collins says to watch out for quiz masters who don't double-check their facts — including his friend who tried to pass off the answer "giant squid" to this question: "The blue whale has only one enemy besides man. What is it?"

"People started to boo," Collins recalls, laughing. (He says the correct answer is "killer whale.") Indeed, some game nights get pretty competitive. But Jeremy Horwitz, a 27-year-old grad student who lives in San Francisco, says he prefers the friendlier, low-key trivia nights at a pub he frequents called Mad Dog in the Fog.

"The most satisfying answers," he says, "are the ones that take teamwork."

Report: Railroads hindering investigations into fatalities

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Railroads have failed to promptly report hundreds of fatal accidents over the past eight years, a violation of federal regulations that has thwarted numerous investigations into collisions with motor vehicles, The New York Times reported.

Enforcement of railroad rules is so lax that federal officials have said they were not even aware of the reporting failures, the newspaper reported on its Web site Saturday.

"It's a systemic failure," said James E. Hall, a former chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board. "It's been something that has just not grabbed the attention, unfortunately, of the public."

On average, one person a day dies at a crossing in the United States. Over the past four years, more than twice as many people have been killed at grade crossings as have died in commercial plane crashes.

Most of those deaths are blamed on drivers. But

some railroads have hindered investigations into their own culpability by destroying, mishandling or simply losing evidence or not reporting the crashes properly in the first place, the Times found after a seven-month investigation.

Union Pacific, the nation's biggest railroad, was cited by the Times as an example of how railroads repeatedly denied their own responsibility at fatal grade-crossing crashes.

In one recent 18-month period, the newspaper found, seven federal and state courts imposed sanctions on Union Pacific for destroying or failing to preserve evidence in crossing accidents, and an eighth court ordered a case retried.

Kathryn Blackwell, a spokeswoman for Union Pacific, said her company's policy was to keep records as long as federal law requires.

A spokesperson for the Federal Railroad Administration did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

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IN THE WORLD

Conference on AIDS touts use of condoms

By VILAY JOSHI
The Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand — The International AIDS Conference opened Sunday with U.N. chief Kofi Annan challenging world leaders to do more to combat the raging global epidemic and warning that women are increasingly the unwitting victims of the disease.

Three years after world leaders pledged at the United Nations to defeat the epidemic, there has been progress on many fronts, Annan said in a speech to nearly 20,000 policy makers, scientists, activists and celebrities.

"And yet, we are not doing nearly well enough," he said in the first appearance by the U.N. secretary-general at an International AIDS Conference.

"We need leaders everywhere to demonstrate that speaking up about AIDS is a part of pride, not a source of shame. There must be no more sticking heads in the sand ... no more hiding behind a veil of apathy."

Organizers criticized a U.S. decision to send a pared-down delegation that forced some researchers to cancel presentations, but delegates said they believed it was a message that the conference wasn't focused enough on abstinence.

The U.S. stance sends "a strange signal" from the largest donor nation to anti-AIDS efforts, conference co-chairman Joep Lange said. "These ideological games are very counterproductive," he said.

The United States says the reason is cost-cutting. It spent \$3.6 million on the 2002 conference in Barcelona, Spain. The bill this time is \$500,000.

The conference was expected to discuss how best to prevent infections — with discussions on whether to focus primarily on condoms, as here, or on abstinence, as favored by President Bush.

"Bush tells lies, condoms save lives," read a placard held by one of an estimated 1,000 activists, many of them HIV-positive, who rallied outside the venue to demand increased access to drugs, condoms and clean needles.

Thailand doted on condoms at tollbooths, hotels and the conference. The venue even had an exhibit of dresses made of condoms, symbols of the country's success in securing a sevenfold decrease in HIV infections since 1991 largely by promoting condom-only sex among prostitutes.

A UNAIDS report issued before the conference said 38 million people worldwide are infected with HIV, 25 million of them in sub-Saharan Africa and 7.6 million in Asia. A recent 5 million people were infected last year.

Bus stop bomb kills one in Israel

Sharon blames world court, orders barrier work continued

By GAVIN RABINOWITZ
The Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel — Palestinian militants set off explosives hidden in roadside shrubs at a Tel Aviv bus stop Sunday, killing a female soldier and seriously wounding at least five people in the first deadly bombing in Israel since March.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, meanwhile, ordered construction of Israel's West Bank separation barrier to continue, brushing off last week's world court ruling that the system of fences, trenches and walls is illegal and must be dismantled.

Sharon said the nonbinding ruling by the International Court of Justice at The Hague, Netherlands, was one-sided and encouraged Sunday's bombing.

Palestinian leaders indicated they are in no rush to seek a binding U.N. Security Council resolution.



Israeli police inspect the scene of a bomb attack next to a bus stop in southern Tel Aviv on Sunday. An explosion killed one person and wounded 32 others, police said. The Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades claimed responsibility for the attack, Israel Radio reported.

tion on the barrier because of an expected U.S. veto. The emerging consensus at a Palestinian Cabinet meeting was to hold off on Security Council action until after the U.S. election in November, participants said.

In Sunday's attack, a five-pound bomb filled with

sharp pieces of metal was detonated early Sunday as a bus pulled up at a stop near Tel Aviv's central bus station.

Bus driver Eyal Gazit said he initially thought the bomb was on his bus.

"Suddenly a large boom, a cloud of black and all the bus was

covered ... the windows blew out," he told Israel's Army Radio.

"There were screams ... the passengers were jumping over each other trying to escape from the bus."

A 19-year-old female soldier was killed, the army said. Police said 32 people were hurt. Hospital officials said five people suffered serious injuries, with the remainder treated for shock or light wounds.

The Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a violent Palestinian group linked to Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction, claimed responsibility, saying it was avenging the deaths of members killed by Israel.

"This says that we can reach every place, even when there is a fence," said an Al Aqsa spokesman in the West Bank city of Nablus.

Palestinian officials condemned the attack. "We are against all bombings like this," said Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Sharon met Sunday with senior Cabinet ministers, security officials and the attorney general to discuss the fallout from the world court ruling. Sharon ordered construction of the barrier to continue, his office said in a statement.

The prime minister also decided to fight the court decision with "all diplomatic and legal means," the statement said.

Bulls on parade: 3 injured by Muiras in Pamplona run

The Associated Press

PAMPLONA, Spain — A pack of bulls known for being ferocious in the ring, but polite running companions, injured three people Sunday during a bull run at Spain's San Fermin Festival. A 36-year-old Pamplona native was gored in the buttocks and also suffered a head wound. Two other Spaniards were hurt, one with an ankle injury, the other with a fractured shoulder on the fifth day of bull runs, the Pamplona city hall said.

The mad sprint took just two and a half minutes, the fastest yet of eight planned runs.

The half-dozen bulls, running with six steers and thousands of human thrill-seekers, were from the Miura ranch, one of Spain's oldest and most prestigious breeders.

With their characteristic long, sleek physique, Miura bulls are known for their ferocity in the ring. The ranch is such a part of Spanish culture that the term Miura is used to refer to an angry person.

But Miuras tend to stick together and mind their own business when they run at San Fermin. For this reason they are often chosen for crowded weekend dashes at Spain's most popular summer festival.

An isolated bull is considered more dangerous because it can get disoriented and is then more likely to charge at people.

Most of the bulls jumped and fell at a sharp turn leading to the home stretch of the 850-yard route through cobblestone



Runners guide a charging bull through the streets of Pamplona, Spain, during a San Fermin bull run on Saturday.

streets. When the pileup cleared, a chocolate-colored specimen running on its own led the pack toward the bullring, where the animals face death in the afternoon at the hands of matadors.

Some runners wearing the traditional red kerchief of San Fermin touched the bull's rump as they trotted alongside — a faux pas considered disrespectful to the animal, but many do it anyway.

The bull runs continue daily through July 14.

Two people were gored Saturday, and Friday's run was marred by four gorings, including of two Americans, and injuries to at least five other runners. In the two previous days there were no serious injuries.

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Improving religious relations

Pope feels 'time is ripe' to return Russian Orthodox icon

BY VICTOR L. SIMPSON

The Associated Press

INTROD, "time is ripe" — Pope John Paul II believes "the time is ripe" to return a revered icon to Russia, hoping to give a major push to improving relations between Catholics and Russian Orthodox Christians, his spokesman said Sunday in Intro, Italy.

The Vatican announced on Saturday the icon of the Mother of God of Kazan, which usually hangs in the pope's private chapel, would be given back. The Vatican has held the icon for three decades.

John Paul has long dreamed of visiting Russia, but because of tense relations between Catholics and Orthodox since the fall of communism which would have been the first trip by a Roman Catholic pontiff there has been impossible. The pope's spokesman, Joaquin Navarro-Valls, said that the fact that the icon was being returned, but not brought by the

pope, doesn't mean the pontiff has given up on the idea of a Russian trip.

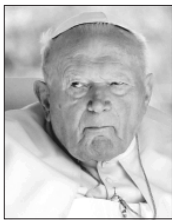
The spokesman said there had been some positive steps between Catholics and Orthodox in recent weeks, and that John Paul viewed the "time is ripe for such a donation."

During a recent visit by the spiritual leader of Orthodox Christians to the Vatican, both sides agreed that stalled theological talks must be resumed.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew II of Constantinople also invited John Paul to visit his headquarters in Istanbul, and the pope is considering accepting the invitation, Navarro-Valls said.

John Paul has been staying since Monday at a mountain retreat which has hosted him in past summer holidays, but health problems mean he can no longer hike through woods.

Making the only scheduled public appearance Sunday of his 12-day vacation, John Paul blessed some 6,000 pilgrims gathered near his chalet, telling them



Pope John Paul II blesses the faithful during his Angelus prayer in Les Combes d'Intro, near Aosta, northern Italy, on Sunday. The pontiff has decided the "time is ripe" to return a revered icon to Russian Orthodox Christians.

that the silence of such a natural setting was a rarity in today's world.

PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc	
Gold	\$407.50
Silver	\$6.43

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.25
Discount rate	2.25
Federal funds market rate	2.25
3-month bill	1.27
30-year bond	5.25
Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com	

Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

E-mailing your résumé

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — With more and more employers allowing — even requesting — online résumé submission, it's important to make your résumé Internet-worthy.

It's a different process than designing a résumé to be printed out and mailed. Each kind of computer operating system, such as Windows or Mac OS, translates data differently. So unless you're careful, the employer may not be able to open your e-mailed résumé or the file may look distorted.

To ensure that employers get the résumé that you want to present:

■ Avoid fancy fonts. Stick with some basic fonts that most computers have, such as Times

New Roman, Arial and Courier New. They are simple and professional and will look the same no matter what kind of software the employer uses to view your résumé.

■ Save your document in a text format. While a program like Microsoft Publisher enables you to easily add graphics and create an eye-popping résumé, it saves files in a PDF format. The easiest type of file for employers to open would be a TXT file, which is how most word-processing programs save documents.

■ Keep it simple. Stay away from bulleted lists, lots of indentations and centered alignments. ■ Check how the employer would like to receive your résumé. Some may want you to send it in the body of the e-mail while others prefer to have it as an attached file.

Schwarzenegger visits Austrian town of youth

BY GEORGE JAHN

The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — Slipping away from Vienna, Arnold Schwarzenegger briefly visited the city of his youth Sunday to breakfast with a fellow governor and spend a little private time with friends.



Schwarzenegger, on his first trip to the land of his birth since becoming California governor, left the Austrian capital for Graz after attending Saturday's funeral of President Thomas Klestil.

The Austria Press Agency said

Schwarzenegger spent a few hours with friends late Saturday in a Graz restaurant and was scheduled to have breakfast Sunday with Waltraud Klastic, governor of Steiermark province. Schwarzenegger also planned to visit the grave of his parents before flying home later in the day.

In Austria, like elsewhere in Europe, anti-American feeling has risen in the wake of the invasion of Iraq and most recently with the abuse of Iraqis by U.S. soldiers in Abu Ghraib prison.

Still, Schwarzenegger has escaped the brush tarring the rest of his adopted country — he remains the Austrian boy who went to America and lived the rags-to-riches dream.

As a governor, Schwarzenegger was relatively low in ranking among the kings and presidents attending Saturday's funeral. But media coverage reflected Austria's continuing love affair with its native son.

Austrian state television frequently planned to Schwarzenegger during Saturday's requiem Mass for Klestil, showing him shaking hands and exchanging pleasantries with Austria's cardinal Christoph Schoenborn, taking communion, and looking pensively into the air.

Sunday's mass-circulation Kronenzeitung printed a two-page article describing the friendship between Schwarzenegger and Klestil, who died in office Tuesday, just two days before the end of his final term.

"In my heart, I am — and will remain — an Austrian!" the daily quoted Schwarzenegger as saying.

Explosion in Kabul

KABUL, Afghanistan — A bomb exploded outside a police station in the western Afghan city of Herat on Sunday, killing five people and injuring dozens more, including a police officer, authorities said.

Herat police chief Ziauddin Mahmoudi said a time bomb concealed in a pile of garbage along a main road exploded near a building with shops on the ground floor and a police station on the upper floor.

The blast killed five people, including a 12-year-old boy, and wounded at least one police officer, officials said.

Anti-Semitic attack

PARIS — A gang of young men attacked a young woman riding a suburban train with her infant, cutting her hair and drawing swastikas on her stomach — as other passengers watched, according to police.

The French political class issued shocked denunciations Sunday as news of the attack, which occurred about 9:30 a.m. Friday, spread.

According to police, the gang set upon the woman on a suburban train north of Paris, grabbing her backpack and snatching identity papers showing an address in the capital's 16th district, said, "There are only Jews in the 16th."

The gang then pushed her and cut her hair "to keep a souvenir," police said. Neither the mother nor infant was seriously injured, police said.

Blair not quitting

LONDON — A senior member of Prime Minister Tony Blair's Cabinet on Sunday dismissed as "nonsense" a report claiming Blair would claim to quit in late month over his sagging popularity because of the war in Iraq.

The British Broadcasting Corp. reported the claim Saturday, without revealing its sources, and said that four Cabinet ministers personally asked Blair not to resign.

One of the ministers, Education Secretary Charles Clarke, told BBC TV on Sunday that "the BBC news story yesterday was pretty much a load of nonsense."

Clarke said he had a one-to-one discussion with Blair some six weeks ago during which he expressed his support for the prime minister.

World's 2nd-oldest dog

CANBERRA, Australia — A 26-year-old mongrel living with an Aboriginal family in Australia's Outback has the potential to become the world's oldest living dog, a newspaper reported Sunday.

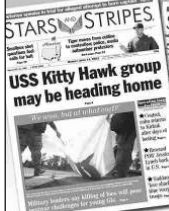
Jerry, an Australian cattle dog-bull terrier cross, will next month turn 27 — the equivalent of 189 years for a human — said Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals veterinarian Horne Nelson in Sydney's Daily Telegraph.

"He will be 27 years in August — I have no doubt at all," Nelson reportedly said about the aging Jerry. "He could push on to 28, going by his good body condition."

The oldest living dog in the 2004 edition of "Guinness World Records" is Butch, a 27-year-old beagle in Virginia.

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FACES 'N' PLACES

Political gossip editor goes on-air

Ana Marie Cox, editor of the political gossip Web site Wonkette.com, will go from online to on-air as a correspondent for MTV during the Democratic National Convention.

Cox will report from the floor and around Boston during the convention, set for July 26-29, as part of the cable channel's "Choose or Lose 2004" coverage.

"Sure, I had been looking forward to watching the convention on C-SPAN from the air-conditioned comfort of my home office," the 31-year-old said, "but if I can't do that, appearing on television myself is the next best thing." Cox, who also will report for MTV.com, will join MTV News correspondents Gideon Yago and Sway.

'The Price is Right' for a bronze statue

A bronze statue honoring Bob Barker, longtime host of "The Price is Right," was unveiled at the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Hall of Fame Plaza in Los Angeles.

Barker, 80, was named to the organization's hall of fame last month. "I think that this is just the culmination of everything for me professionally, I really do, and I'm delighted that the academy chose to do it," he said Thursday.

Barker has hosted the game show since it premiered in 1972.

Barker

Trump searches for next apprentice

Donald Trump hasn't even chosen his second apprentice, and he's already looking for his third.

Trump spent Friday interviewing prospective candidates for the third season of his hit NBC reality show, "The Apprentice," at Universal Studios Hollywood in Los Angeles on Friday.

Some 200 hopefuls waited in line for a casting call.

The real estate mogul is expected to make one other appearance during the casting tour—at the Trump Tower in New York City on July 30.

Auditions will be held in Miami, Boston, Honolulu, Salt Lake City, Philadelphia, San Antonio, Jacksonville, Fla., Minneapolis, Chicago, San Francisco, Memphis, Tenn., Las Vegas, Cincinnati and Seattle.

NBC says prospective applicants should be able to "take risks, bounce back after failing, succeed in a cutthroat environment, go against the tide, remain focused, think creatively and be a leader."



Trump

Soul singer gets memorial bench

Fans of 1960s soul singer Darrell Banks have raised \$1,500 for a bench to stand at his grave, previously marked by a small disc wedged into a lawn at Detroit Memorial Park Cemetery.

On July 17, David Meikle and Lowell Boileau plan to gather in this Detroit suburb with Banks fans to dedicate the Darrell Banks Memorial Bench. Meikle and Boileau are creators of the Web site SoulfulDetroit.com.

Actor fights against AIDS in third world

Prejudice keeps people in wealthy countries from paying attention to the worldwide AIDS epidemic, said British actor Rupert Everett, visiting Thailand to attend the 15th International AIDS Conference.

"We are extremely racist," the 45-year-old actor told reporters Thursday, adding that patients in developed countries such as the United States have access to health care to manage AIDS while the disease devastates poorer nations.

Everett, the voice of Prince Charming in the animated movie "Shrek 2," has visited Africa and Asia as a goodwill ambassador for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, a private foundation that raises money to combat the diseases.

"What Cambodia needs, like everybody else needs, is more—more money," he said Thursday in Bangkok.

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ABC's Deborah Roberts, front row second from right, talks to, from left, Bette Midler, Glenn Close, Matthew Broderick, Faith Hill and Nicole Kidman about their remake of "The Stepford Wives." Broderick says he is happy to be hidden among other stars.

Photo courtesy of ABC

'Invisible,' and loving it

Matthew Broderick enjoys life just outside the spotlight

BY BARRY KOLTNOW

The Orange County Register

Matthew Broderick has learned how to make himself invisible.

The trick, according to the actor, is to walk behind a celebrity who's more famous than you.

"I learned that when I was working on a movie with Meg Ryan a few years ago," he explained. "I fell behind about 10 steps, everybody would run up and bother her without even noticing me. It was great."

Broderick said he has employed the same trickery on occasion when he ventures out of his New York City home with his wife of seven years, Sarah Jessica Parker, the very famous star of the now-defunct HBO series "Sex and the City."

"If you're with a super-famous person, like Sarah, you can use their status to your advantage," he said. "I do it all the time at premieres and other public events. People want to talk to Sarah much more than they want to talk to me. I can just stand there and be invisible."

"But it's getting harder since our son was born. There are many people who seem to find it interesting to photograph a celebrity couple with a baby. It's not really me they're interested in; it's Sarah and the baby. I just happen to be there."

Well, Parker isn't the one who has a new movie. That would be Broderick, who stars opposite Nicole Kidman in the remake of the 1975 cult classic "The Stepford Wives."

In the new version, which plays more as a comedy than a thriller like the original, Broderick is an anonymous television network vice president married to the high-profile president of the same network.

After she suffers a sudden reversal of fortune, he moves the family from the big city to the placid suburb of Stepford, Conn., where men can be men and women can be robots.

The original film was intended to explore the male reaction to what was then an embryonic feminist movement. It's almost three decades later and the filmmakers apparently believe the same issues exist.

"Personally, I have never had a problem with my wife's fame and fortune," he added with a laugh. "In fact, I encouraged her to sign for another season on TV because I knew they'd back up a truckload of money. I don't mind at all if she makes more money."

Broderick said he never considered his marital situation as similar to the one depicted in the movie until he started talking to members of the media.

"I swear that I never thought about it until two days ago when I began doing interviews for this movie and reporters started asking me if I thought my life was anything like my character's. I still don't see it, but I guess that's bound to happen if you're married to someone who's on another level of fame like Sarah."

Broderick's level of fame is hardly chopped liver.

The actor was born 41 years ago into a show business family. His father was the late James Broderick, who starred on the respected TV series "Family."

The younger Broderick resisted the actor's life for a while, until he made his professional acting debut opposite his father in the stage play "On Valentine's Day." He was 17.

In 1983, Broderick won the first of his two Tonys in Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs." He won his second in 1985 for the revival of the musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

More recently, he starred with Nathan Lane in Mel Brooks' "The Producers," the record-breaking production that will be turned into a movie next year with Lane and Broderick reprising their roles.

Broderick said he idolized Brooks before working with him, but was concerned about the plan to turn a film into a Broadway musical.

"Like so many people, I grew up a huge Mel Brooks fan," he said.

"I used to fall asleep at night listening to the '2,000-year-old Man' records. And I memorized all of 'Young Frankenstein.'"

"So it was a thrill when Mel asked me to be in this new show, but I couldn't help but to worry that we might be messing up a classic. Sure, people look at 'The Producers' now and say it was a no-brainer, but at the time I was concerned about whether it would work."

"Then one day, Nathan [who beat out Broderick for the Tony] said: 'Listen, it's Mel's [project] to screw up. If it doesn't work, everybody will blame him, not us.'"

Broderick first was noticed in the 1983 film "WarGames," in which he played a high schooler who almost starts World War III while playing computer games. Three years later, he starred in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," which remains his most memorable movie role.

He recently moved to the small screen for the ABC movie "The Music Man," but will return to the big screen in "The Last Shot" and "Marie and Bruce," his next two movies after "The Stepford Wives."

But those new films will have to wait until after the summer. He said he's taking a few months off to work on his role as father to 19-month-old James Wilke Broderick.

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MOVIES

SPORTS

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6 AFN-P	★ESPNes	Pacific Report	7th Heaven "Major League" Martin considers dropping out of school to become a pro baseball player. (CC)	★ "Don't Say a Word" (2001, Suspense) Michael Douglas, Sean Bean, Brittany Murphy. A psychiatrist must save his daughter from kidnappers.					Pacific Report	The Tonight Show (CC)		Late Show (CC)
7 AFN-AT	5:30 Guiding Light (CC)	General Hospital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)				Arthur (E) (CC) (DVS)	Animaniacs (CC)	Lizzie McGuire "Rusted Alpeng" (CC)	All That
8 NEWS	CNN Daybreak	The O'Reilly Factor (CC)			God Morning America (CC)				Headline News	ABC World News This Morning (CC)	The Early Show (CC)	
9 SPORTS	★5:00 MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced	★SportsCenter	★MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.						★SportsCenter		★Beyond the Glory	
10 SPECT	Ed "The Dream" Acting on a whim, Ed meets Mike by a racetrack at an auction.	ER "Next of Kin" Abby's mother inter-views with Eric's treatment; a baby is abandoned in the ER. (CC)			The Residents "Real Medicine" A doctor is torn between two dying cases.			★ ★ ★ "The Empire Strikes Back" (1980, Science Fiction) Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher. Darth Vader launches an assault to crush the rebellion.			Ebert & Hooper (CC)	
14 TMC	(5:10) ★ "Bulldozer" (1965) Alan Ladd. A construction worker is hired to demolish a house built by a criminal.	The Motion Picture "1986, Fantasy" Hugh Grant, Vanessa Sharp, Patrick Berg. Performed by the Pacific Northwest Ballet Company. (CC)			★ "Clockstoppers" (2002, Science Fiction) Jesse Bradford, French Stewart, Paula Garcés. A scientist's son steals a time-traveling device. PG (CC)			★ ★ ★ "OO" (2001, Comedy-Drama) Jeremy Davies, Anne Dudek, Eriq La Salle. An aspiring director is handed the reins to a sci-fi film. R (CC)			(CC) ★ ★ ★ "Amy's Organ" (2001) Amy Davis. A self-sent book author falls for a radio shock jock. R (CC)	
16 PBS	Shannon the Big Red Dog & kids poolside visits (E)	Dragon Tales Zai Zai, the Dragon King. (CC)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (CC)		Movie "Firewalkers" Those who have mastered the science and art of firewalks. (CC)			Flashpoints (U) "America at War" The role of the U.S. in Iraq's future and in other war and peace issues.		P.O.W. Bill Kassambara's run for the Kansas House of Representatives. (N)	Charlie Rose Writer Jon Lee Anderson, The New Yorker. (N)	
25 SHOW	(4:35) ★ "19: The Widomaker" City Confidential. The murders of Mississippi attorney Vince Sherry and his wife, Margaret. (CC)	★ ★ ★ "The American President" (1995, Comedy-Drama) Michael Douglas, Annette Bening, Martin Sheen. A U.S. president risks his political future for love. PG-13 (CC)			Case Files "Portrait of a Killer: The Tortured Truth, Pilot Episode" Discovery of a human scalp helps locate a murderer. (CC)			Further Tales of the City (Part 4 of 4) (CC)		Queer as Folk Debbie woos Horvath. (CC)		
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28 DISC	To Be Announced	To Be Announced			High Tech Toys	Future Tense	To Be Announced		Biography "Traci Lords" Model and actress Traci Lords. (CC)	Crossing Jordan "Miracles & Wonders" Jordan's faith in her investigatory skills is at risk. (CC)	To Be Announced	
29 TFC	(5:50) OK, Fine Whatever	Insider	Pirol	Morning Girls	(15) Kumikatsu Kabayashi	Asia Tonight	Biz Asia	CNN World News	World Report	Biz Asia	Business International	
30 CNN+	Larry King Live (CC)	CNN World News	★World Sport	Business International								
31 GOLF	★PGA Golf Nationwide Tour - Scholarship America Showdown - Third Round. From Hudson, Wis.	★Playing Lessons From the Pros			★Golf Channel	★Golf Central	★Golf Channel	★Golf Channel	★Golf Central	★What's in the News	★Playing Lessons From the Pros	
32 TLC	Clean Sweep "Joining for Organization" A couple's cluttered master bedroom is uninhabitable. (CC)	In a Fix "Doddie Drummer's Room" Getting a rooming back. (CC)			Mega Machines "Oilshark Striker" The world's largest hydraulic excavator. (CC)			Overhaul "School's Out" Tackling a 1957 Chevrolet like Art at Wyoming Tech. (CC)		Rides "Road to Riddler" Riddler trophy. (CC)		Mega Machines "Oilshark Striker" The world's largest hydraulic excavator. (CC)
34 TOON	Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laboratory	Courage the Cowardly Dog	Justice League	Powerpuff Girls	Cartoon Cartoon	Cartoon shorts.	2 Stupid Dogs	I Am Wessel	What a Cartoon Show	Scoby-Doo, Where Are You!	
35 ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter "Steering the Most Dangerous Animals Ever" Fighting megalomaniacs. (CC)	The Planet's Funniest Animals	The Planet's Funniest Animals		Venom ER An unusual 15-second snarlable dramatics from a man's internal organs. (CC)			Venom ER Snarlable victim, 10, flown to a hospital. (CC)		Miami Animal Police "Voodoo Gator" Gator attacks on the carcasses of sacrificed goats. (CC)		Venom ER An unusual 15-second snarlable dramatics from a man's internal organs. (CC)
36 COM	Late Night (CC)	The Daily Show with Terry McAuliffe. (CC)	★TV Boxer Lennox Lewis guest stars. (CC)	★Crunk Yankers (Friedman). (CC)				Innocent "Have you ever had a bad day?" (CC)		South Park Boys seek employment through a head Cold. (CC)		Chappelle's Show "Chappelle's Show" Erykah Badu. (CC)
40 NC-A	Jim Shekhar Ocean Power	Toyota World of Wildlife	Planet Wild		National Geographic "Devils of the Deep" Migration patterns of Humboldt squid. (CC)			The Hole in the Wall "Whether children are able to teach themselves computer usage without instruction. (CC)		National Geographic "Panama Wild" (CC)		Dangerous Jobs "Astronauts" (CC)
42 SPIKE	Horsepower TV (CC)	Horsepower TV (CC)	Star Trek: The Next Generation "The Body Trap" (CC)		Star Trek: The Next Generation "The Body Trap" (CC)			Sports Illustrated's 40th Anniversary "Swiss Sprint" (CC)		The Joe Schmo Show "The Crisis" (N)		MIX
43 FOX	Fame "Spike" Christopher is forced to transfer to a school for the deaf following a head injury.	Blind Date Personal assistant: (CC)	Blind Date Executive assistant: (CC)		The Bernie Mac "Method and Red The Artful" (CC)			The Fox "Last Rites" Imma Kevin (CC)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith (CC)		Cagney & Lacey Chris dresses as Sarah to see the disappearance of Sar-ah's twin and muscles. (CC)
44 BET	106 & Park Live From the Red Carpet Coverage of celebrity arrivals for the BET Awards. (N)	NPVD Band "The Nutty Confetti" Music and Snoop's investigate the gruesome murder of a young woman. (CC)			BET Awards '04 Recognizing excellence in music, sports and acting. From the Kodak Theatre, Hollywood, Calif. (Live)			Sports Illustrated's 40th Anniversary "Swiss Sprint" (CC)		The Joe Schmo Show "The Crisis" (N)		BET Nightly News "Groom Folks" Movie stars arrive. (CC)
46 COURT	Baywatch (CC)	The Simpsons	Cheers (CC)		The System "A Deadly Love Triangle" (CC)			Forensic Files "Hunting the Zodiac Killer" (CC)		The System "Hollywood" Salvatore Sica is convicted of murdering a 10-year-old boy. (CC)		Late & Order: Special Victims Unit
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50 LIFE	The Golden Girls "Blanche tries to be pregnant." (CC)	The Golden Girls "Blanche tries to be pregnant." (CC)	The Golden Girls "Blanche tries to be pregnant." (CC)		Providence "Mother and Child" Syd mingles charity a youth is a victim of Munchausen syndrome by proxy. (CC)			★ "Gracie's Choice" (2004, Drama) Kristen Bell, Diane Ladd, Anne Heche. A teen's fight to adopt three younger brothers. (CC)		Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC)		The Golden Girls "Blanche tries to be pregnant." (CC)
51 ABC-FM	Full House (CC)	Full House (CC)	7th Heaven (CC)		★ ★ "Beethoven" (1992, Comedy) Charles Grodin, Bonnie Hunt, Dean Cain. An elderly musician kidnaps a lovable Saint Bernard. (CC)			Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC)		Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC)		The Golden Girls "Blanche tries to be pregnant." (CC)
53 HIST	Five Points Gangs (CC)	Modern Marvels "Prisons" How history has shaped the prisons of today. (CC)			Tactical to Practice Special: Physical Conditioning & Health Tech Rangers. (CC)			Tech Effect (N)		Mail Call "Heavy report without answers." (CC)		Wild West Tech "The Gunslings" Gunslings are delivered by their weapons. (CC)
57 STR-AM	(5:15) "Hildegarde" (1951) Richard E. Grant.	(4:45) ★ "The Croquet" (1997) Sharmen Doherty. Doherty crookes through the shadows of a London literary elite. (CC)			★ ★ ★ "Baby's Day Out" (1994, Comedy) Joe Mantegna, Lara Flynn Boyle, Joe Pantoliano. A kidnapped infant learns to walk. (CC)			★ ★ ★ "Running Free" (2000, Adventure) Chase Moon, Jan Daele, Maria Geobloo. A young horse hunter tells the story of his life in the wild. (CC)		(25) ★ "Rocketman" (1997, Comedy) Harland Williams, Jessica Lund, William Sadler. A clumsy scientist wins a seat on the moon. (CC)		The Golden Girls "Blanche tries to be pregnant." (CC)
58 ADV 1	(5:30) Adventures of the Quest Beyond the Gates	Mongolian Cowboys A pair of American cowboys explore horses and horse-herding in Mongolia. (CC)			Next Wave "Singing" "Singing" "Singing" "Singing" (CC)			Nick's Next Wave "Singing" "Singing" "Singing" "Singing" (CC)		Next Wave "Singing" "Singing" "Singing" "Singing" (CC)		The Golden Girls "Blanche tries to be pregnant." (CC)
59 MTV	The Real World "Brad and Frankie" (CC)	The Real World "Frankie overhauls Brad and Frankie." (CC)	The Real World "Frankie overhauls Brad and Frankie." (CC)		Providence "Mother and Child" Syd mingles charity a youth is a victim of Munchausen syndrome by proxy. (CC)			★ ★ ★ "Gracie's Choice" (2004, Drama) Kristen Bell, Diane Ladd, Anne Heche. A teen's fight to adopt three younger brothers. (CC)		Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC)		The Golden Girls "Blanche tries to be pregnant." (CC)
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tractor Paul Johnson Jr. came as a shock to
most civilized people.

Though according to the "Rush Lim-
baugh Show," it appears that people are al-
most getting used to hearing such news. So-
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The shock of his savage murder isn't as
strong as the shock of the savage murder
of Nicholas Berg.

The news has left me outraged. But my
rage is not as much toward al-Qaida, which
has made it a point to use its warped inter-
pretation of Islam to justify its savage
bluddering and cruelty. My anger is, to a less-
er extent, generated toward those few mili-
tary personnel who not only resorted to tor-
turing and humiliating Iraqi prisoners, but
as if to exercise a total lack of common
sense, decided to have pictures taken,
which could only further anger al-Qaida,
adding more fire to an already volatile situa-
tion.

My rage is generated toward the media,
which, in an effort to sensationalize the
news, painted a picture of alleged wild-
spread prison abuse, making our armed
forces in Iraq appear to be little more than a
force of barbarians, eager to stoop to the
level of the savage enemy, thereby think-
ing of killing innocent people.

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Perhaps those same reporters and jour-
nalists who are so eager to blow the pic-
ture way out of proportion, caring not one
iota what added dangers they have created
for our armed forces as long as their sto-
ries win them a few awards and comman-
dations, should be reminded that they can-

not take it with them when they die be-
cause it would burn.

Michael McKenna
Sigonella, Italy

Study all sides of issues

I agree with one point (yet, only one)
the writer of the July 3 paper "AP's pol-
was hogwash" stated.

It is hard to imagine that the opinions of
about 1,200 people can be projected to a
population of about 275 million. It is even
hard to imagine that those opinions could
be projected to a much smaller voting pop-
ulation of about 105 million (year 2000
election results).

But the result of the poll is no less "dubi-
ous" than the polls taken in 2002 that de-
clared 70 percent of the people supposedly
supported the president's decision to go to
war.

However, informed citizens and voters
need to listen, read about and research all
sides of the issues so that we can decide
what is dubious and vote accordingly. I
find the writer's own poll and conclusions
dubious.

I appreciate the news organizations that
present all the information, even if I don't
agree with some of it.

Gordon Uscier
Würzburg, Germany

Customer abuse demands a revolt

By HOWARD KURTZ

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON

Your call is important to us
I anyone else getting mad about what
is laughingly called customer service
these days? I don't just mean annoyed,
impatient or miffed. I mean eye-pop-
pingly exasperated at the utter disdain with
which companies now treat customers who
are trying to straighten out erroneous bills
or make defective products work.

How many hours of our lives are we su-
posed to spend sitting on hold or being stuck
in one unhelpful rep to another? I
know corporations need to save money in
this era of global competition, but some aca-
demic rudeness is costing us billions in lost
productivity — not to mention mental
bills for ulcer treatment.

The latest twist is "help" lines that won't
even let you hang on. "We are experiencing
unusually heavy call volume at this time.
Please try your call later." The signal is the
same from corporate Web sites that make it
difficult to find a phone number, or
voice-mail menus that bury any option that
might summon an actual human being. Mes-
sages: Go away. We don't want to deal with
you.

A while back I canceled a 30-day trial on
a cell phone that had terrible reception and
was told I had to wait for the company to
send a mailing label so I could return the

phone and get the promised refund. The
label never came. I called back and was
again told the label would be sent out. I
still waiting. This came after I had called an-
other cell phone company to cancel a con-
tract that had expired after two years. The
firm kept billing me. When I called to com-
plain, an agent said there was no record of
the cancellation call.

Such corporate amnesia has become com-
mon. When I had to cancel a hotel reserva-
tion because I couldn't make the trip, I was
told a refund would be no problem. When I
called again to ask about the refund, there
was supposedly no record of my earlier call.

When I tried getting Internet service
from cable company A and the thing never
seemed to work, the wait times for tech sup-
port grew longer and longer until I once
found myself holding on for an hour and a
half. (Hey, I was desperate.) I canceled —
spending months disputing a charge for the
refund. I returned the cable box, which I had per-
sonally waited in line to return — and switched
to cable company B, where I also endured
long wait times until the technical glitches
were finally worked out.

And don't even get me started on online
banking. It works great, until it doesn't —
and when my bank admitted having failed
to send out the money check for one bill
and I asked for help in reversing the late
fee, I was told I could not get a record show-
ing the fee was the bank's screw-up. I didn't
care much about the \$15 fee, I just felt on
principle that I shouldn't be stuck with it.

I've also had my share of calls routed to
India, which wouldn't be so bad if those
struggling with English could be of more
help.

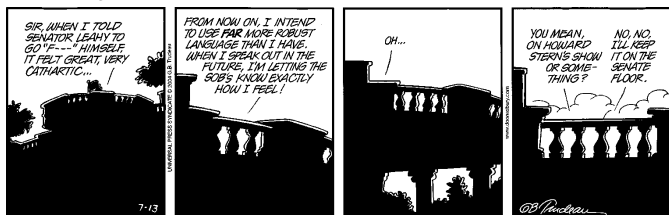
How did we get to this point? And why
can't anything be done? If a retail store pro-
vided such poor service, people would sim-
ply stop shopping there. But when it comes
to phones, cable, computers, banks and
health insurance — not to mention just buy-
ing stuff online — most of us have come to
accept being treated like dirt.

A Purdue University researcher told USA
Today that 80 percent of American compa-
nies had to do a decent job with customer ser-
vice. And in a survey by the Virginia-based
Customer Care Alliance, nearly 1 in 3 cus-
tomers said they had raised their voices at
customer service reps in the previous year,
and nearly 1 in 10 said they had employed
Dick Cheney-like curse words.

Computer tech support may be the most
frustrating. "When we pick up the phone
we're lying," Kyle Kilien wrote in
Salon.com of his stint as a technical rep. The
agents were so seriously trained to get call-
ers off the phone within 12 minutes that
they often became "punters," switching cus-
tomers to someone else who also couldn't
help. "We were there to take your calls, not
solve your problems," he writes.

It's time for the masses to rebel, to file
complaints, to reject the culture of nonhelp
that too many companies embrace. Our call
center representatives to them. And for that in-
flaming attitude, they should pay a price.

Doonesbury



By GARRY TRUDEAU

NO, NO, NO. TLL TELL IT ON THE SCOWS FLOOR.

OPINION

In Baghdad, diplomacy behind a fortress

BY JOHN H. BROWN

"This embassy is going to have a thousand people hunkered behind sandbags. I don't know how you conduct diplomacy in that way." — Edward L. Peck, U.S. ambassador to Iraq, 1977-80; quoted in the *Boston Globe*, Nov. 26, 2003

One of the better-known secrets of the U.S. Foreign Service is the amount of dead time it imposes on its officers, which keeps Foreign Service officers (FSOs) from doing what taxpayers pay many of them to do while abroad: observe the society around them, keep in touch with its most important elements, provide first-hand information and ideas for formulating policy, and negotiate with the host government on bilateral or multilateral issues.

Despite all stated good intentions, the new U.S. embassy in Baghdad promises to be the mother of all dead-time factories, no matter how hard FSOs there try to do their jobs. Based on more than 20 years of experience in the Foreign Service, I see half a dozen ways in which the size and complexity of the American mission in Iraq just might cost up to an estimated \$1 billion to operate in 2005, not including the initial construction costs of the embassy's perma-

nent quarters — will complicate if not undermine the work of the 190 FSOs who will be assigned to it.

First is the embassy's sheer size. By year's end, it is expected to house nearly 1,000 Americans from 10 U.S. government agencies, as well as an estimated 600 Iraqi employees, making it the world's largest U.S. mission. With so many bodies around, an inordinate amount of time will be spent dealing on assignments and responsibilities.

Second, the tour of duty for FSOs in Iraq lasts only one year, which includes a (probably necessary) vacation every three months and a trip home twice a year. How much real work can an FSO accomplish in one year? It is a rule of thumb in the Foreign Service that it takes several months, at least, for a new officer to get accustomed to a new posting.

Third, given the rush to staff the mission, it is doubtful that many FSOs at the new embassy will be adequately prepared to deal with and observe Iraqi society. FSOs will have to depend on the Iraqis working at the embassy to understand what's going on outside their sandbagged fortress. But any experienced FSO will tell you that depending on the insight of local employees, no matter how dedicated and reliable, is insufficient.

Fourth, the perilous security situation means the embassy will have great difficulty carrying out one of its most important functions: implementing public diplomacy programs, such as media and cultural presentations, in an effort to win over local hearts and minds. These activities require constant, open contact with host country audiences, but given the rampant hostility toward Americans in Iraq — and an insurgency throughout the country — such programs will prove to be a challenging, if not impossible, task.

Fifth, the Baghdad embassy will be constantly visited by VIPs and agency heads from Washington, with FSOs arranging the logistics. It will be Americans talking to Americans to prepare visits by Americans, with Iraqi employees probably assigned the task of organizing more local arrangements (if there are any, given security concerns). Meanwhile, for the Americans inside the embassy, Iraq will just about not exist.

Finally, and this is very important, an essential part of the American presence in Iraq — the military, which is already entrenched in parts of the country — will not be under the embassy's supervisory control.

That makes sense, but in practical terms, this means FSOs will



spend an inordinate amount of time trying to find out what their military colleagues are up to. In broader terms, it will mean that the embassy and the military will have their own agendas, leading to potential confusion among Iraqis (and the international community) as to what exactly the United States is up to.

All these obstacles raise a fundamental question: Why should the nascent embassy in Iraq be so large in the first place? Couldn't a

smaller and leaner operation — better prepared and trained — do a more efficient job? And wouldn't a more modest-size embassy communicate an important message that the Bush administration is supposedly trying to bring home to the new Iraqi government and the local population: that the fate of their country is in their hands, not in those of their present occupiers?

John H. Brown, a former Foreign Service officer, compiles the daily e-mail Public Diplomacy Review. This column first appeared in *The Washington Post*.

Threat from N. Korea won't go away even if GIs do

BY JOHN HALL

Media General

WASHINGTON — When the Army's vice chief of staff, Gen. Richard Cody, publicly conceded [this month] that his service was stretched thin around the world, no one challenged him or rebuked him or even handed him his head.

The Donald Rumsfeld Defense Department used to cashier Army subordinates for complaining about insufficient manpower. But the pitch now seems to be that, yes, the system is stressed but relief could be near.

Things are on track for an eventual withdrawal from Iraq, Pentagon witnesses told Congress [this month]. When that will be they couldn't predict. The training of a new Iraqi military force is just under way.

A worsening security situation could require more outside assistance, not less, with Americans the only help in sight.

Both Republicans and Democrats have become increasingly restive about the war's growing toll in casualties, the extension of tours and disruption of constituents' lives by National Guard, Reserve and Individual Ready Reserve call-ups.

Meantime, the greater cost may be the security balance outside of Iraq — places such as the Korean peninsula, which just keeps getting shoved farther and farther back on the burners.

We think of this problem as a simple nuclear standoff with North Korea. But this is a conventional warfare dilemma with vast strategic implications.

At the moment, South Korea has been shaken by a U.S. decision to cut its deployment of troops by a third to meet manpower requirements in Iraq and elsewhere. The 38,000 U.S. troops stationed in South Korea comprise a small force — particularly com-

pared to the million-member North Korean army — but, oh, what an impact it has.

President Carter found out when he decided in 1977 to pull U.S. troops out of South Korea over five years. That set off a sustained backlash, not only in Seoul but in Tokyo and Washington.

Eventually he backed down after the diplomatic community and the Pentagon fought him secretly in the trenches, half the Congress rebelled against his executive order and one commanding general, John Singlaub, was recalled and reprimanded for insubordination for telling *The Washington Post* that the withdrawal would lead to war.

President Bush and Rumsfeld, at least so far, have somewhat avoided such a controversy since their announcement that the U.S. force would be moved back from the Demilitarized Zone and lopped by a third. Some people think everyone's attention was on Baghdad. Others blame South Korea, which has become increasingly inhospitable toward U.S. troops.

Relations seem to be deteriorating. Condoleezza Rice, Bush's national security adviser, was in Seoul in the last few days for a meeting with South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun. She reportedly was carrying a personal letter from Bush citing the history of close relations and thanking South Korea for its commitment to send 3,000 troops to Iraq for help with postwar reconstruction.

That commitment apparently stands firm despite the beheading last month of a South Korean hostage by Islamic militants.

Lately, however, some South Korean hardliners are questioning Roh's toughness. They fear that all his signals have been concessions. Roh may be preparing to invite North Korea leader Kim Jong Il to a Seoul summit without any sign the communist leader has stopped nuclear weapons cheating. And his party appears to be willing to drop allegations that the map-top North Korean leader ordered the bombing of a South Korean airliner.

A long-closed investigation into the bombing, judged to have been ordered by Kim himself, is being reopened by Roh's political party.

Bush got off to a rocky start with the South Koreans from the beginning of his administration. Bush threw water on a so-called "sunshine policy" of Roh's pro-unification predecessor, Kim Dae-jung, and tried to guide Seoul toward a more hard-nosed approach.

What is worrisome now is the change in perspective. South Koreans say they now hear bitter talk from Americans they never used to hear.

It usually goes like this: "All right, we're out of here. When the North Koreans burst across DMZ and occupy Seoul, maybe you will wish you had been a bit friendlier to us and not so eager to see us go."

Pretty drastic.

Are we stretched too thin yet?

John Hall is the senior Washington correspondent of Media General News Service.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Fatal mob beating

WI MILWAUKEE — A disabled man died from head injuries after allegedly being beaten and robbed by 10 young men near his home, police said.

David Rutledge Jr., 54, died at a hospital where he was admitted after telling authorities he hurt himself when he fell.

It wasn't until doctors discovered Rutledge had multiple skull fractures that authorities doubted his story, said Milwaukee Police Sgt. Ken Henning.

Rutledge's friend told doctors that another man saw the beating, which occurred just west of downtown Milwaukee.

The victim and the witness both lived at West Samaria, a residential home for about 90 people with mental and physical disabilities or chronic illnesses.

Hungry pelicans go splat

AZ PHOENIX — More than 30 endangered brown pelicans have crashed onto sidewalks and roads in Arizona, mistaking the heat-induced shimmer of the paved surface for lakes and creeks.

"They try to land on the water, but it's asphalt and it's bam! That doesn't feel so good," said Sandy Cate, director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department's wildlife center at Adobe Mountain in north Phoenix.

During the past two weeks, the injured pelicans have been found from Yuma to Phoenix, the department said Thursday.

The pelicans have been treated mostly for dehydration and emaciation.

Wildlife experts believe the endangered birds are experiencing a food shortage along the West Coast and are heading to Arizona to find fish. The sun's reflection, mixed with hot and cool layers of air create mirages, and the birds mistake smooth pavements for water.

Hate crimes decrease

CA SACRAMENTO — Hate crimes in California dropped 10 percent last year, the second consecutive decline after a spike attributed to anti-Arab sentiment after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Both the number of crimes and the number of victims fell, though property crimes increased significantly. Hate crimes have fallen consistently since 1999 with the exception of 2001's targeting of Middle Eastern and Muslim individuals.

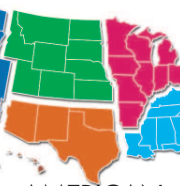
Anti-Arab acts immediately after the Sept. 11 attacks drove hate crimes up 15.5 percent in 2001. Hate crimes would have dropped 5 percent that year were it not for assaults and threats against Muslims or those who appeared to be of Middle Eastern descent.

Attorney General Bill Lockyer, who released the report, called the latest decline "a heartening trend" and a sign that prevention efforts must continue.

Another baby elephant

FL LAKE BUENA VISTA — Forget mice; Disney has bigger priorities — elephants.

An elephant's birth at Animal



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Kingdom is the theme park's second successful breeding in a year. The 230-pound female is named Kinga, "sunshine" in Swahili.

"It's a critical contribution to the conservation of animals," said John Lehman, animal operations director for Animal Kingdom.

"The more successful we are, the more we're looked at as more than just an entertainment company."

Animal Kingdom is working with the American Zoo and Aquarium Association's species-survival concept. Under this plan, association members work together to breed 125 species to maintain their population so zoos won't have to take as many animals from the wild, said Karen Goodrow, general curator for the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium in Tacoma, Wash., and co-chairwoman of the association's reproductive sciences advisory group.

Copter's hard landing

HI HILO — The pilot and six passengers on a tour helicopter escaped serious injury when the aircraft made a hard landing in a pasture in the Honokaa area of the Big Island.

One woman passenger on the Blue Hawaiian helicopter was treated for a sprained wrist at the



Heroines honored

Baggier Rob Schiavoni of Fort Edward, N.Y., salutes after playing his bagpipe at the end of the dedication ceremony of a new headstone in Union Cemetery in Fort Edward, N.Y., for Jane McCrea and Sara McNeil. The women became heroines of the American Revolution when in 1777 McCrea was scalped and McNeil was murdered.

North Hawaii Community Hospital in Waimea and released, Blue Hawaiian President Patty Chevalier said.

She said the pilot, whose name wasn't given, used his cellular telephone and notified the company that the helicopter had landed in upper Paualoa about 200 yards mauka of Kukuipapa Road.

County paramedics took four passengers to the North Hawaii Community Hospital.

"I'm very happy and grateful that everyone walked away from the hard landing, or whatever it was," Chevalier said.

Mammoth discovery

TX DALLAS — Among the rocks in a dry creek bed north of Dallas, two brothers found fossils that looked different and aroused their curiosity.

A Southern Methodist University professor has confirmed that the bone fragments from the town of Prosper came from a mammoth, dating to more than 10,000 years ago.

Samuel Wallace, 13, and brother Scott, 9, showed Dr. David Meltzer at SMU's anthropology department other fossils and learned they had a cow shark's tooth more than 80 million years old and a piece of bone from a cervid, which is like a modern-day elk.

"We thought it was really neat to find something like that because we'd never found anything that old before," Samuel Wallace told The Dallas Morning News.

Dr. Dale Winkler, an SMU paleontologist, says the Wallace's discoveries are rare for the Dallas area.

Foul fumes to rich fuel

VT BRIDGPORT — The owners of a local farm are seeking state permission to set up an on-site, manure-to-energy operation that could be generating electricity by October.

Eugene, Ernest and Earl Audet — owners of the Blue Spruce Farm — filed an application for a certificate of public good last month to embark on the estimated \$1 million project.

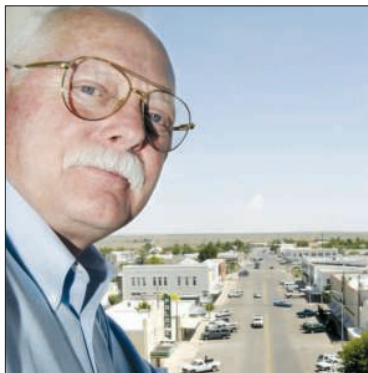
The system would allow the Audets to sell about \$125,000 per year in electricity to the Central Vermont Public Service Corp. and its customers, and save an estimated \$50,000 in annual costs for cattle bedding through materials derived from the manure-to-energy process.

"We are hoping, by the end of August, for this [certificate] to be issued," said Blue Spruce Farm attorney Ebenezer Punderson.

"We don't see any problems with this. No one has popped up to dispute this."

The project calls for construction of special equipment that will be heated to break down the raw manure produced by the farm's 1,900-head herd and turn it into liquid and solid components, while capturing methane gas.

The gas will be used to operate a 275-kilowatt generator, with the resulting power sold wholesale to CVPS as part of the company's renewable pricing program. That program gives customers the option of paying a premium price for electricity derived from the Blue Spruce operation and similar projects.



Traffic runs through it Presidio County Judge Jerry Agan sits in the Presidio County Court House, in Marfa, Texas, with an overview of the town's main street. Residents say an increase in traffic will damage the town's tourist economy. The 800-mile trade route called La Entrada al Pacifico runs through Marfa and is expected to provide a link between a Mexican Pacific port and the interior of the United States.



Pretty bad gig

Divers pretend to play replicas of musical instruments Saturday at the Underwater Music Festival in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary off Big Pine Key, Fla. From left are Mel Herley on a French angelfish horn, Steven Murphy on a manta-lin, Nancy Herley on harmoni-crab and Brian Morgan on a trombonefish.



Riding out the storm An advancing rain storm appears to pursue a cyclist eastward on Old Sauk Pass just west of Madison, Wis. The dark clouds eventually produced a downpour, which passed through the area late in the morning.



Marching to a different drummer Boys from the summer day camp at the Old Barracks in Trenton, N.J., carry chairs from the camp's graduation ceremony, as the fire and drum band plays. Three sessions of the week-long camp, for 9- to 12-year-old children, are held during July.



Axes to grind Brandon Boyers from McGrath, Alaska, left, works with Tommy Tinker and Riley Simon, from Hooper Bay, Alaska, to put out hot spots on the Wolf Creek wild fire near Chena Hot Springs, about 60 miles northeast of Fairbanks, Alaska. The fires have burned about 2 million acres of Alaska wild lands this year.

School's over, finally

WA EVERETT — Homecoming had to wait until the basketball season. The winter cruise until June.

But the Marysville-Pilchuck High School academic year — delayed a record 49 days by a teacher strike — finally ended with a commencement for the 589-member Class of 2004.

"We adults let you down, but you didn't let yourselves down," state Superintendent Terry Bergeson told the class, one of the largest in Washington.

The graduation — never scheduled in the regular school calendar — would have been held in early June had the walkout not occurred, school officials said.

A judge ordered teachers back to work in October. An agreement was reached on a two-year contract for the 664 teachers in April.

During stalled contract talks, the senior class president organized rallies and a camp-out to agitate for an end to the walkout.

Electrician sentenced

OH PAINESVILLE — An electrician was sentenced to 30 days in jail for causing a boy's death by improperly installing electric wires on a bumper car ride at a county fair.

Nick Rock, 81, also was sentenced to two years on probation. He was convicted in June of reckless homicide and involuntary manslaughter.

Witnesses said 8-year-old Greyson Yoe was holding a metal rail enclosing the Scooter ride when he called out "Help me" and dropped to the ground as he was electrocuted last August.

3 teens charged

FL VALRICO — Three white teenagers have been charged with spray-painting a swastika, profanities and references to the Ku Klux Klan on a black neighbor's garage and driveway.

Damian Yeager, 15, Phillip Belcher, 14, and John Bailey, 16, admitted using green paint to deface the home of Brenda Snow, said Hillsborough County sheriff's spokeswoman Debbie Carter.

The teens were charged with criminal mischief as a hate crime, which is a felony, and processed at the Juvenile Assessment Center.

Snow said she found the paint and called authorities.

Belcher and Bailey had stayed over at Yeager's house, a few blocks away from Snow's home, officials said. The youths all had green paint on their hands and clothes, Carter said.

Snow said she also found a paint can on her car, one of which had been vandalized with paint two weeks earlier. It was unclear whether the incidents were related.

Neighbors offered to help pressure wash the paint off her driveway and paint over her garage, Snow said.

Tree bug alert

NH CONCORD — The discovery of several hundred trees infected with a harmful insect has agriculture officials scouring the state for other trees sold by the Chichester nursery where they

were found this summer.

The state has been struggling for years to keep the infestations of the wooly adelgid at bay. The tiny bugs attach to the underside of branches and suck out sap, which ultimately kills the tree.

Tom Durkin, state entomologist, said that so far New Hampshire's aggressive surveillance and quarantine policies have kept outbreaks limited to small pockets, a considerable feat given the widespread infestation in Massachusetts.

But Durkin said that last month several infested trees were discovered. The trees were part of a shipment of several hundred that had arrived from growers in Tennessee.

Fungus outbreak

KY LOUISVILLE — Kentucky tobacco farmers are waging a fight against a fast-spreading disease already being blamed for inflicting millions of dollars of damage to the state's signature burley crop.

Blue mold surfaced earlier than usual this year, and the contagious fungus that damages tobacco leaves has gained a foothold in some top-producing counties, crop experts said.

In some parts of the state is the nation's leading burley tobacco producer, the outbreak looms as one of the worst ever, said Gary Palmer, a University of Kentucky extension tobacco specialist.

For some growers, it could be more devastating than the outbreak in 1979, when Palmer said he saw "grown men almost crying because they had a beautiful crop one day, and a few days later it was in rags."

So far this year, blue mold has been found in 48 of Kentucky's 120 counties, Palmer said. Three-fourths of the state is under a blue mold watch or warning, he said. The mold is spread by spores through the air.

Cash and carry?

IL CHICAGO — A man suspected in Florida of having ties to an Islamic terrorist organization was arrested after an indictment accused him of making \$1.6 million in phony food stamp transactions.

Hatem Fariz, 31, pleaded innocent to wire and mail fraud charges. Another hearing was set and prosecutors said they planned to ask that Fariz be held without bail.

Prosecutors said Fariz defrauded the food stamp program five years ago at a store he owned in Chicago. Defense attorney Luis Galvan declined to comment on the charges.

Fariz lives in Spring Hill, Fla., where he is free on \$1.1 million bail while awaiting trial on federal racketeering and conspiracy charges in a separate case accusing him of being a member of a terrorist organization. He was arrested at his mother's home near Chicago.

According to the Chicago indictment, Fariz and his employees rang up transactions on customers' food stamp debit cards from May 1999 to December 2000. Under the indictment, the cardholders received cash instead of groceries, and Fariz collected a fee.

Stories and photos from news wires

Horoscope

The interplay of Mercury and Neptune make it easy to get caught up in a dreamy exchange, believing the whole time that you're on the same page with your conversation partner, and then walk away with a big question mark hanging over your head. The moon in Gemini keeps things light-hearted and non-committal.

Be happy in the moment. **TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 13).** Enjoyable social relationships mark the beginning of this new chapter in your life. Friends lead to new jobs, financial opportunities and romantic prospects. Former employers may return to make you an interesting offer in September. Let your past together inform future. October's adventure is one for the books! Love signs are Virgo and Taurus.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're sensitive as to how you're perceived and may even be bold enough to ask, "How am I doing?" Such boldness goes over well in romantic comedies and will be equally effective in real life — you're a real charmer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You expect yourself to be brilliant. What a coincidence! So does everyone else. That sounds like a lot of pressure, and it is — the kind that makes you shine like an Olympic athlete. Go to bed early.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Things don't have to go your way for you to be happy and make the most of them. Bumps in the road take a humorous bent — you amuse yourself. Refusing to take this whole thing so seriously is your most attractive quality.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're sticking to your own business when out of the blue — bam! You're all caught up in someone else's drama.

How did you get back here? And more importantly, how do you get out? Say, "Sorry," and walk away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's a day to speak up and act boldly. This creates momentum in your life, so

much so that you'll make a smart move without even realizing you've made it. Salesmanship is featured as one of your astrological talents.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Unfortunately, no one is going to hand you leisure time on a platter.

You have to not only carve it out but barricade it from infringers like force to come on with the force of a Mack truck. Set your limits.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Always the diplomat, you're even more persuasive today. A little politicking helps you nab a piece of the action. You'll be going after financing and in doing so get to the point. Tonight, wish on a star.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Modern problems are — technical difficulty, logistical complications and a host of inconveniences are all worth the trouble because, in the long run, you'll be doing less work and saving a lot of money.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Nobody knows what a relationship is really like except the people that are in the relationship. Couples have their own language, and you'll be in a position to defend or justify yours. Pay no mind to unsolicited advice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your patience and planning pay off! In fact, you'll be rewarded handsomely! This gives you the guts to embark on an all-new journey into the unknown. This is the perfect time to settle accounts with loved ones.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Self-reflection is positive and enlightening. Tally up not only your recent accomplishments but also how they made you feel. This afternoon is ripe for making a final decision. So resolve, commit, and plunk down the cash!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're prone to impulsive outbursts, especially involving corporate stores and plastic cards. You may chalk it up to needing things for so long that you're suddenly not caring if they're out of your budget. Just keep receipts.

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Joyce Jillson



get to the point. Tonight, wish on a star.

Calvin and Hobbes



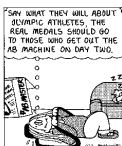
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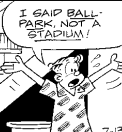
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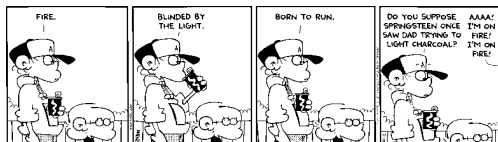
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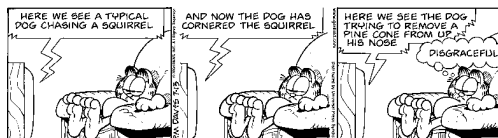
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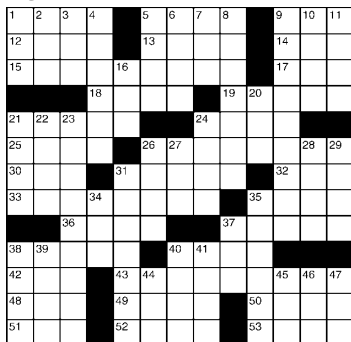
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Garfield



Eugene Sheffer Crossword



Across

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- 5 99 of the 101 Dalmatians
- 9 Unlikely trick-taker
- 12 Countenance
- 13 On
- 14 Scott Joplin's genre
- 15 NAFTA subject
- 17 The whole enchilada
- 18 Luna, for one
- 19 Big dipper?
- 21 Madison Avenue writers
- 24 "It's a Sin to Tell..."
- 25 Loathsome one
- 26 Nietzschean subject
- 30 Bob of CBS News
- 31 Surveyed pre-hist
- 32 Expert
- 33 Remodel
- 35 Weaponry
- 36 Arrived
- 37 Hazard family
- 38 Beautiful maiden
- 40 Facilitate a felony
- 42 Priestly vestment
- 43 Shoe style
- 48 Afternoon affair
- 49 On the briny
- 50 Immoderate revelry
- 51 Inhonor, often
- 52 Boys
- 53 Anger
- 2 Scratch
- 3 Lemieux milieu
- 4 Rained cats and dogs
- 5 Segment
- 6 Hexagonal state
- 7 Spacecraft
- 8 compartment
- 9 Relieved
- 10 Distinguishing characteristic
- 11 Humpty's perch
- 12 Look lecherously
- 16 Great weight
- 20 Melody
- 21 Teeny bit
- 22 "David Copperfield" character
- 23 Billionaire who bought the Dallas Mavericks
- 24 Mimir
- 26 Rescue
- 27 Take advantage of
- 28 Pinnacle
- 29 "Untouchables" role
- 31 Funny
- 34 Corn spike
- 35 Book-maker?
- 37 Family room
- 38 "The 500" — of Bartholomew Cubbins?
- 39 Bread spread
- 40 Sleeping
- 41 Sheepish comments
- 44 Cold War faction
- 45 Proposed amdt.
- 46 Early bird?
- 47 Old-time soap ingredient

Answer to Previous Puzzle



Down

- 1 Vacationing
- 7-13 CRYPTOQUIP
- K P R G V D V A C G ' P N B R R L
- G C U Z L R V T B P U K Z ' P
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- Yesterday's Cryptquip: WHEN SHORT-ORDER COOKS HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH YOU, I RECKON THEY HASH IT OVER.
- Today's Cryptquip Clue: R equals T

A prayer for wayward dieters

Dear Abby: My cousin, "Hazel," was recently told by her doctor that she must lose 75 pounds. She tells me that sticking to her diet is almost impossible. Years ago, you printed a prayer for dieters in your column. It was based on the 23rd Psalm. It kept a copy of it for years, but I lost it. Would you please print it again?

Sympathetic
in Taz, N.M.

Dear Sympathetic: I couldn't locate the prayer you requested, but the premise intrigued me. —so I wrote one myself. I hope it inspires your friend. I empathize with her. By the way, she's not alone. I am told that one-third of all Americans are overweight. Read on:

A DIETER'S PRAYER
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; He maketh me to lie down on vinyl-covered gym mats.

He leadeth me to flavored calorie-free waters; He restoreth my goals.

Dear Abby



He diverteth me from the path of midnight snacking for my health's sake.

Yeah, though I walk through the alley of the Vendors of Pastry, I will fear no weevil; for thou art with me; My diet and exercises, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me Spread with veggies and low-fat protein; Thou steamest my fish in foil. My resolve runneth over.

Surely, if I follow this living plan all the days of my life, My hips will be slim forever. Amen.

Dear Abby: A little over a year ago, after reading your column about a man who had experienced testicular cancer, I was prompted to examine myself. It was something I had never thought about until that day. Not once had I ever considered the possibility that it could actually happen to me.

Sure enough, I found a large lump that sent a cold chill down

my spine. My general practitioner didn't think it was anything to be concerned about. But I made an appointment for a second opinion with a urologist. The morning after I consulted him I found myself in the hospital having my first surgery.

Now, one year later, after two surgeries and six weeks of chemotherapy, I am 99 percent cured and feeling great.

Thank you, Abby. Your column saved my life.

Grateful Guy in Maryland
Dear Grateful: I'm pleased that my column helped you.

The American Cancer Society informs me that testicular cancer diagnosed early, it is highly curable. Self-examinations are quick and easy, and should be performed once a month. For more information, contact the American Cancer Society at (800) 227-2345 or visiting the Web site: www.cancer.org.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.ueexpress.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TAIMY

JAROM

BREHEY

ENLOOD

Answer:

Jumbles: DRYLY BLAZE MEMOIR SAFARI

Answer: When the train conductor went surfing, it was — ALL A 'BOARD'

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the prize answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Mother-in-law wrecking home

Dear Annie: My wife and I have been married for three years, and we have a 6-month-old son. The problem? My wife's mother is living with us. Last year, we invited my mother-in-law (and her two large dogs) to move so that we could help her get back on her feet. Mom had been on welfare, and we opened our home until she could find a job. She pays us a little rent each month.

When my wife became pregnant, I informed my mother-in-law that she had nine months to move out. It has been nearly 15 months, and Mom hasn't budged. Last week while shopping, my wife noticed a store with a sign for part-time help. She pushed her mother to go in and get a job application. The next day, Mom was supposed to return the application to the manager, but she refused.

Our neighbors often inform us when people are looking to hire temporary help, but Mom never

Annie's Mailbox



follows through. Mom has so much stuff stored in our house that we no longer have access to our basement or garage. And her dogs have done a lot of damage to our carpets and doors. My wife and I want to be able to raise our child in peace. Are we the bad guys for asking her to move? Can I get a moving van, load up her stuff and move it to a storage area?

— Canada

Dear Canada: Mom obviously is reluctant to find her own place when yours is so inexpensive and offers security. Your wife should be the one to discuss this with her mother. She must make it clear that Mom has overstayed her welcome.

It sounds as if Mom has some emotional issues that are hampering her ability to support herself. She could use some counseling (check the YWCA, United Way or a local women's center), and couple it with an ultimatum that

if she doesn't make a serious effort to find a job, you will be forced to make good your threat to load up the moving van.

Dear Annie: I would like to respond to "Perplexed in Iowa," who is a widow and wants to remarry without losing her widows' benefits.

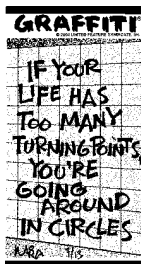
Benefits are established to help those who are truly needy, not those who merely feel a sense of entitlement. If her fiancé is willing and able to support her, or if she is able to seek employment elsewhere, she should get married and stop accepting money from Iowa's hard-working taxpayers.

Unsympathetic in Florida
Dear Florida: You weren't the only one who thought "Perplexed" should stop looking for government assistance once she remarries.

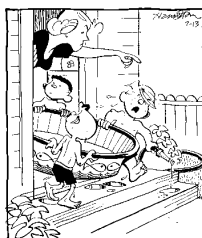
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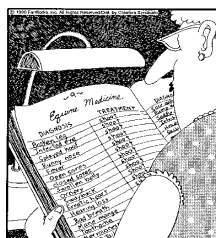
"When I'm a big recording star you guys can be my backup singers."



Dennis the Menace



The Far Side ©Gary Larson

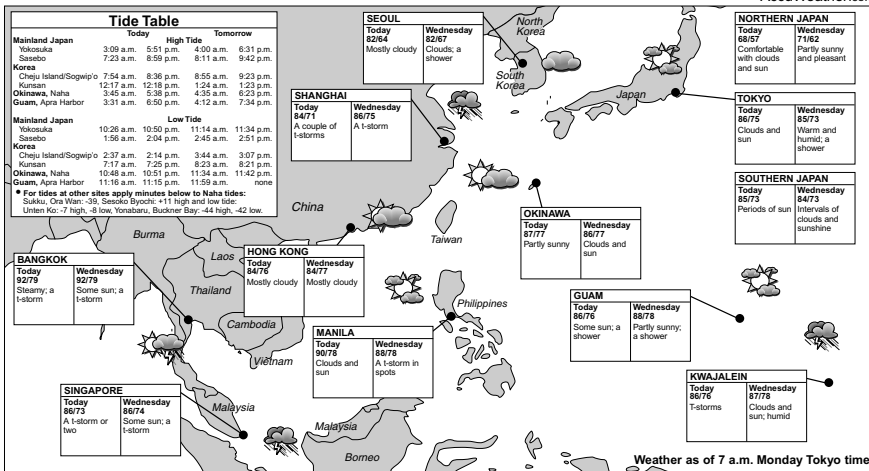


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The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO
Thursday: Showers, high 83, low 73. Friday: Mostly cloudy, high 84, low 73.

KADENA
Thursday: Mostly cloudy, high 86, low 78. Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 78.

SEOUL
Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 84, low 64. Friday: Showers, high 78, low 65.

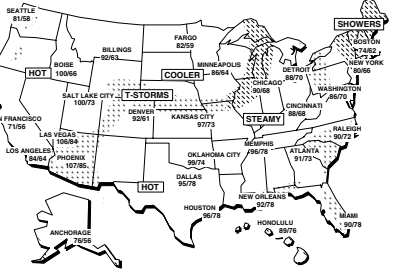
MANILA
Thursday: Showers, high 90, low 79. Friday: Thunderstorms, high 91, low 79.

HAGATNA
Thursday: Showers, high 88, low 78. Friday: Showers, high 88, low 78.

Sunday's USA Temperature

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	89/67	Los Angeles	84/64
Anchorage	94/68	Little Rock	93/73
Anchorage	81/58	Louisville	88/73
Baltimore	88/72	Milwaukee	82/67
Birmingham	93/74	Nashville	89/72
Bismarck	93/67	New York	84/68
Boise	88/58	Omaha	90/72
Boston	74/62	Orlando	94/74
Brownsville	88/77	Philadelphia	90/71
Buffalo	84/66	Phoenix	110/89
Burlington	80/61	Pittsburgh	83/68
Charlotte, SC	94/77	Portland, OR	80/58
Charlotte	93/70	Portland, ME	75/67
Cleveland	85/68	Salt Lake City	95/65
Columbus, OH	86/71	St. Louis	93/75
Duluth	81/58	San Antonio	91/73
El Paso	95/71	San Diego	72/66
Fort Worth	85/60	San Juan	90/77
Helena	84/53	Tampa	93/76
Indianapolis	87/71	Tulsa	96/76
Jacksonville	96/74	Washington	89/73
Kansas City	93/74	Wichita	89/74

Tuesday, July 13



U.S. Extended Forecast

Hot, dry weather will prevail across the West Tuesday and Wednesday. A strong ridge of high pressure centered over the region will allow for abundant sunshine and unseasonably hot temperatures from Washington to Arizona. Temperatures across eastern Washington, Idaho and Oregon will average 10 to 15 degrees above normal. Meanwhile, a wetter pattern will cover the Northeast and Middle Atlantic. A dip in the jet stream will guide storms toward the Northeast. Each storm will bring the chance of showers and thunderstorms to New England and the central Appalachians. High heat and humidity will fuel afternoon and evening thunderstorms across the Southeast and Gulf Coast.

Tuesday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	92/79	Iwakuni	87/73
Beijing	85/73	Kadena AB	87/77
Camp Casey	79/63	Kansan AB	87/67
Christchurch	48/34	Kunjin	86/76
Diego Garcia	81/74	Manila	90/78
Hagatna	86/76	Misawa AB	74/59
Hanoi	87/76	Osaka	84/67
Hong Kong	86/74	Perth	60/44
Honolulu	89/76	Pusan	80/67
		Sasebo NB	85/73
		Sapporo	68/57
		Seoul	82/64
		Shanghai	84/71
		Shanghai	86/73
		Sydney	63/40
		Taegu	82/67
		Taipei	90/73
		Tokyo	86/75

Tuesday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	92/78	Budapest	70/47
Athens	87/67	Buenos Aires	62/46
Auckland	52/41	Cairo	106/74
Baghdad	112/75	Cancun	94/73
Barbados	88/71	Cape Town	62/47
Barcelona	68/55	Geneva	58/46
Berlin	61/44	Islamabad	85/59
Bermuda	85/74	Jerusalem	93/66
Brussels	59/43	Johannesburg	62/34
		Kabul	100/62
		Kiev	73/48
		Kolovo	112/82
		London	63/49
		Madrid	88/63
		Mexico City	72/54
		Montreal	62/64
		Mogadishu	82/71
		Moscow	76/56
		Nairobi	76/50
		New Delhi	99/82
		Oslo	64/43
		Paris	64/46
		Rio de Janeiro	75/64
		Rome	76/54
		St. Petersburg	74/49
		Stockholm	64/45
		Warsaw	63/47



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'El Duque' still has it as Yankees rout Rays

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Orlando Hernandez gave the New York Yankees more than just an effective spot start. He looked good enough to help them win another championship.

The Cuban right-hander with the deceptive delivery reintroduced himself to the Yankees on Sunday, pitching New York to a 10-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and a four-game sweep.

"He looked like his old self. It was like he's never been away," teammate Derek Jeter said. "He's tough on hitters, a lot of arm angles and stuff, changing speed. He did exactly what we needed him to do."

Tony Clark hit two of New York's five homers and Jorge Posada homered and drove in two runs before leaving with a sprained ankle.

Hideki Matsui and Gary Sheffield also connected.

Making a surprise start in place of ailing Mike Mussina, Hernandez (1-0) held the Devil Rays to two runs and five hits over five innings in his first major league appearance since 2002. He struck out five and walked three, throwing 51 of 88 pitches for strikes.

"I didn't find out until I got to the field today. I didn't even know they had him still," Tampa Bay's Aubrey Huff said.

Socks pulled high, knee knocking all the way to his chin, El Duque even flashed some of his old magic, tossing up a near-epic pitch to Tony Clark in the second inning and getting him on a soft fly to left.

It was far from a dominating performance — but not bad for a guy who missed last season due to shoulder surgery. He earned his first major league victory since Sept. 5, 2002, against Detroit.

"This is exactly what I've been looking to, to get back here and



New York Yankees pitcher Orlando Hernandez allowed two runs and struck out five in five innings on Sunday against Tampa Bay. It was Hernandez's first major league appearance since 2002.

see my teammates and the great fans here," Hernandez said through a translator. "I want to return to the farm where I can throw 100-120 pitches without tiring."

It was a satisfying day all around for the Yankees — Sheffield hit a long homer off Dany

Baez four pitches after the right-hander sent him sprawling to the dirt with a high-and-tight pitch.

Huff homered and Hall had three hits and two RBIs for the Devil Rays, who scored only 11 runs in the series. The Yankees have won 18 of their last 22 against Tampa Bay.

Griffey Jr. goes on DL with injured hamstring

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Ken Griffey Jr. went on the 15-day disabled list Sunday with a torn right hamstring and will miss the All-Star Game.

The Cincinnati outfielder was injured Saturday night while trying to run down Brady Clark's fourth-inning drive to right-center in the fourth inning of a 5-0 loss to Milwaukee. An MRI exam Sunday revealed a partial tear of the muscle.

Griffey plans to go to Houston to participate in ceremonies, but will not take part in the Home Run Derby or Tuesday's game. Reds spokesman Rob Butcher said.

Griffey was replaced on the NL roster by Carlos Beltran, who was voted to the AL squad by fellow players before being traded from Kansas City to Houston.

All four active players with 500 homers had been scheduled to compete in Monday's Home Run Derby: Barry Bonds (681), Sammy Sosa (553), Rafael Palmeiro (540) and Griffey (501).

Mariners designate Aurilia for assignment, activate Ibanez

CHICAGO — The slumping Seattle Mariners decided shortstop Rich Aurilia for assignment on Saturday and activated Rafael Ibanez from the 15-day disabled list.

Aurilia was hitting .241 for the Mariners with four home runs and 28 RBIs in 73 games. He signed a one-year contract with the Mariners in the offseason after eight years with the San Francisco Giants.

Shinjo steals show for Pacific all-stars

The Associated Press

NAGANO, Japan — Tsuyoshi Shinjo of the Nippon Ham Fighters hit two doubles and stole home Sunday to lead the Pacific League to a 2-1 victory over the Central League and a sweep of Japanese baseball's two-game All-Star series.

Shinjo, who was selected as the game's most valuable player, hit his second double of the game in the bottom of the fifth inning at Nagano Olympic Stadium off the rocket door the third base line off Kimiyasu Kudo of the Yomiuri Giants.

The former New York Mets and San Francisco Giants outfielder then gave the Pacific League a 2-0 lead when he scored on Yoshitomo Tani's blow single to right.

Shinjo scored the first run of the game when he stole home in the bottom of the third after hitting a double to left and advancing to third.

"I just decided to go for it and it worked out," Shinjo said.

Surging Anaheim sweeps through Toronto

The Associated Press

TORONTO — The Anaheim Angels can enjoy the All-Star break, knowing they finished the first half of the season strong.

They hope it carries over to the second half. Adam Kennedy fell a home run shy of the cycle and the Angels completed a three-game sweep of the Toronto Blue Jays with a 5-2 victory Sunday. Anaheim went 5-1 on their road trip.

"We're going into the break with some momentum," Anaheim starter John Lackey said. "We played really well on this road trip. I think it's huge. You can rest a lot easier."

Kennedy went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI for the Angels, who went 47-40 in the first half. They went 49-43 in the first half last season after winning the World Series in 2002, but went 28-42 the rest of the way and missed the playoffs.

"It's a different feeling this year," Kennedy said. "Last year, we weren't playing as well as we are right now. Our whole team is pretty much intact right now. The pitching staff has done really well."

The Angels swept the Blue Jays for the first time since April 26-28, 2002.

Lackey (7-8) improved to 4-1 in his last seven starts, allowing two runs on six hits in 5 1/3 innings. He struck out five and didn't walk a batter.

Francisco Rodriguez pitched the eighth, and Troy Percival threw a perfect ninth on his 15th save in 19 chances.

Elsewhere in the AL Sunday:

Indians 4, Athletics 1: Cliff Lee outpitched Barry Zito, and Coco Crisp homered and drove in two runs in Cleveland.

Lee (9-1) gave up one run and six hits in seven innings to improve to 6-0 in nine starts at Jacobs Field. He walked three, struck out five and is 4-0 in seven starts since June 3.

Crisp had three hits, including his fifth homer, and an RBI drive to help Cleveland win for just the third time in eight games.

Zito (4-7) gave up two runs and six hits over seven innings as Oakland lost its fifth in six games.



Cleveland Indians starter Cliff Lee improved to 9-1 with a 4-1 victory over the Oakland A's and starter Barry Zito.

Tigers 2, Twins 0: Jason Johnson pitched a five-hitter and struck out a career-high 11 to lead Detroit at the Metrodome.

Johnson (7-7) threw his fourth career complete game, pitch by shutout. He threw 119 pitches — 84 for strikes — and walked one in his last outing. Johnson held the Yankees to a run over eight innings.

Eric Munson hit a two-run homer in the second inning, the only mistake by Minnesota's Johan Santana (7-6), who fanned 11 in eight innings and allowed just two hits and two walks.

Rangers 6, Red Sox 5: Eric Young went 5-for-5, and Alfonso Soriano homered and had a tie-breaking sacrifice fly in the eighth inning as the visiting Rangers snapped Boston's five-game winning streak.

Kevin Mench and Mark Teixeira also homered for the Rangers, who enter the All-Star break leading the AL West for the first time since 1999. Texas has a two-game lead over the Oakland Athletics in the division.

Keith Foulke (2-2) entered the game in the eighth and gave up a leadoff single to Rod Barajas followed by a double to Michael Young. Soriano hit a sacrifice fly to left that easily scored the go-ahead run.

Royals 11, Orioles 7: Mike Sweeney went 4-for-6 with two homers and three RBIs, keying a 17-hit attack that carried the visiting Royals past Baltimore.

The Royals arrived in Baltimore coming off three straight shutout losses, but scored 20 runs in taking two of three from the last-place Orioles.

Jimmy Gobble (5-6) pitched six innings of six-hit ball for the Royals, who have lost 14 of 17. All three victories during the span were against the Orioles.

White Sox 4, Mariners 3: Freddy Garcia (6-8) struck out seven in 6 1/3 innings against his former team, Jose Valentin hit a two-run homer and the White Sox won at home, handing Seattle its ninth straight loss.

Aaron Rowand and Juan Uribe both hit solo homers for Chicago, which won its fourth straight to overtake Minnesota for first place in the AL Central.

The losing streak is Seattle's longest since September 1992, when it lost a club-record 14 in a row.

In Saturday's AL games:

Orioles 7, Royals 2: Daniel Cabrera (6-3) allowed three hits over seven innings and Rafael Palmeiro hit his 541st career home run, leading the Orioles past the visiting Royals.

Red Sox 14, Rangers 6: Manny Ramirez struck two of Boston's five home runs and the Red Sox used a season-high 21 hits to rout the Rangers at Fenway Park.

Nomar Garciaparra, Mark Bellhorn and Jason Varitek also homered for the Red Sox.

White Sox 3, Mariners 2: Mark Buehrle (9-2) pitched eight innings and Paul Konerko homered to lead the White Sox in Chicago.

Athletics 16, Indians 7: Pinch-hitter Erubiel Durazo's grand slam at Jacobs Field helped Mark Mulder (12-2) win his 10th straight decision for Oakland.

Mulder tied San Francisco's Jason Schmidt for the longest winning streak in the majors this year.

Tigers 4, Twins 2: Dmitri Young hit a tie-breaking solo homer in the third inning and Nate Robertson (8-4) pitched into the seventh inning for the visiting Tigers.

Angels 11, Blue Jays 2: Bengie Molina hit a grand slam during a seven-run seventh inning and Kelvin Escobar (5-5) had nine strikeouts against his former team at SkyDome.

Braves cut Phils' lead to one game

Franco's homer, Drew's four hits spark Atlanta in rubber game

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Julio Franco hit a three-run home run, J.D. Drew homered among his four hits and the Atlanta Braves beat the Philadelphia Phillies 6-4 on Sunday.

The Braves, who have won 12 of 15, took two of three in the series to put within a game of the first-place Phillies in the NL East.

Atlanta starter Russ Ortiz (10-6) picked up his fourth straight decision. He surrendered four runs on six hits, while walking five in 5 1/3 innings.

After working a perfect eighth, John Smoltz allowed the first two batters to reach in the ninth before finishing for his 16th save in 18 opportunities.

Atlanta's first six hitters combined for 14 of the team's 16 hits and scored all the runs as the Braves roughed up the Phillies' Randy Wolf (5-5).

With Philadelphia ahead 2-1 in the sixth, Drew drove a pitch from Wolf inside the left-field foul pole to tie it.

Chipper Jones walked and Johnny Estrada doubled to put runners at second and third with no outs. Franco then hit an 0-1 fastball from Wolf to right-center to give Atlanta a four-run lead.

The usually mild-mannered Wolf tossed his glove about 10 runs into the crowd after being pulled two batters later. He gave up a season-high 10 hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Ricky Ledee drew a one-out walk in the bottom half and David Bell followed with his 12th home run of the year to tie. The next two hitters singled, ending Ortiz's day. Antonio Alfonseca relieved and struck out Placido Polanco to end the threat.

Drew finished 4-for-5 and is hitting .455 during a career-best 11-game hitting streak. It was his second four-hit game in the last five days and fifth of his career.



Montreal's Brad Wilkerson gets back to first ahead of a late tag by Pittsburgh's Craig Wilson on Sunday.

Marlins 5, Mets 2: Jeff Conine, in a 3-for-34 slump, hit a grand slam to help Dontrelle Willis beat New York for the fifth time in as many tries.

Willis (7-5) allowed two runs in 6 1/3 innings. His ERA in five career starts against New York is 1.05.

Conine hit his sixth career grand slam in the third inning off Al Leiter (5-3).

Armando Benitez pitched a perfect ninth for his 30th save in 32 chances. The Mets, who started the day tied for second in the NL East, dropped to fourth, a half-game behind Florida (45-43), which matched its third-best record at the All-Star break.

The temperature at the start was 93 degrees, and Leiter labored in the heat. He threw 88 pitches in three innings, reaching a 3-2 count on six batters.

Juan Pierre doubled in the third and consecutive two-out walks to Miguel Cabrera and Mike Lowell loaded the bases. Conine pulled a 1-1 pitch over the scoreboard for his sixth home run, hiking his average with runners in scoring position to .174.

Lowell's two-out double in the seventh off Mike Stanton drove in Luis Castillo, who had tripled.

Expos 2, Pirates 1: Scott

Downs pitched seven innings to give Montreal its first victory by a left-handed starter in three years.

Montreal took three of four from Pittsburgh and completed its home season in San Juan, Puerto Rico with a 7-14 record after going 13-9 in San Juan last year.

Downs (1-3) allowed one unearned run on five hits and two walks while striking out five. He became the first Montreal lefty starter to get a victory since Matt Blank on June 21, 2001, against the New York Mets.

Luis Ayala worked a perfect eighth and Chad Cordeiro pitched the ninth for his seventh save.

Josh Fogg (6-7) pitched six innings, allowed two runs, four hits, walked three and struck out one.

In Saturday's NL games:

Rockies 6, Padres 2: Aaron Cook (4-3) took a shutout into the seventh inning and Jeremy Burnitz and Todd Greene each hit solo homers, helping the visiting Rockies to their third straight victory.

Marlins 5, Mets 2: Mike Lowell hit a two-run homer and Ben Howard pitched out of a seventh-inning jam to help the Marlins beat the Mets.

Florida won for only the third time in 10 games, beating Tom Glavine (7-7). He allowed four runs in six innings, and his career

record in Miami fell to 6-12 with an ERA of 4.40.

Brewers 5, Reds 0: Ben Sheets (9-5) threw eight shutout innings to lead host Milwaukee over Cincinnati.

Sheets (9-5) allowed five singles, struck out eight and walked one to win his third consecutive start. He lowered his NL-leading ERA to .226. Luis Vizcaino pitched a perfect ninth to complete Milwaukee's sixth shutout.

Expos 4, Pirates 0: At San Juan, Puerto Rico, Rocky Biddle (1-1) pitched five scoreless innings to win his first start in almost two years and Jamey Carroll drove in two runs for the Expos.

Giants 3, Diamondbacks 1: Barry Bonds was intentionally walked three times to break his season record and Brett Tomko took a shutout into the eighth inning to lead the Giants over visiting Arizona.

Bonds' 71 intentional walks before the All-Star break tops the 68 he received in the 2002 season.

J.T. Snow hit a two-run homer as the Giants won their third in four games.

Tomko (4-5) gave up one run on five hits and did not walk a batter in 7 1/3 innings.

LaRue hits home run in ninth as Reds rally

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Jason LaRue hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the ninth inning and Willy Mo Pena followed with his second of the game, capping the Cincinnati Reds' comeback in a 9-6 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Sunday.

Pena went 4-for-5 with three RBIs in place of injured Ken Griffey Jr., who was placed on the 15-day disabled list before the game with a torn right hamstring.

Griffey, who will miss the All-Star Game, was hurt Saturday night while trying to run down Brady Clark's fourth-inning drive to right-center in the fourth inning of a 5-0 loss to Milwaukee. An MRI exam Sunday revealed a partial tear of the muscle.

The Reds, who trailed 5-0, were tied 6-6 in the ninth when Jacob Cruz doubled with one out off Dan Kolb (0-1), the first extra-base hit he allowed this season. LaRue followed with his eighth homer to give the Reds an 8-6 lead and Pena hit his 10th of the year.

Kolb, headed to his first All-Star game, allowed three runs and four hits in one-third of an inning.

He added Jones (7-2) got the victory after pitching two-thirds of an inning. Danny Graves pitched the ninth for his 33rd save in 40 chances.

The Reds took their first lead at 6-5 in the seventh on Pena's two-run homer following Adam Dunn's ground-rule double.

Lyle Overbay tied it for the last time with his 10th homer in the eighth off Gabe White.

The Brewers jumped to a 5-0 lead in the first inning on RBI singles by Geoff Jenkins and Keith Linter, and added another walk to Clark and sacrifice flies by Wes Helms and Gary Bennett.

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Cincinnati got two more runs in the sixth on an RBI single by Javier Valentin and an RBI double by D'Angelo Jimenez to make it 5-4.

Alvarez, Dodgers get the better of Clemens, Astros

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Even a grizzled veteran like Wilson Alvarez got pumped up when he pitches against Roger Clemens.

Alvarez outpitched the six-time Cy Young winner and batterymate Paul Lo Duca tuned up for his second straight All-Star game with a three-run homer to lead the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 3-1 victory over the Houston Astros on Saturday.

"It's not an honor to beat him. This is a day I have to celebrate, because you don't see that every day," said Alvarez, who made his big league debut in 1989. "When you

face a guy like that, it's like, 'Hey, I'm facing The Man. I'm facing Clemens. I'm facing the best of the best.'"

"When you pitch against a guy like that, it's all motivation. He is somebody I always looked up to."

Alvarez (3-3), making his second start since Hideo Nomo won on the disabled list, allowed a run and three hits in six-plus innings.

Eric Gagne pitched two perfect innings — striking out Jeff Bagwell, Lance Berkman and Jeff Kent in the ninth — for his 23rd save this season and 86th in his last 87

attempts. The NL Cy Young winner also broke Jeff Shaw's club record for saves with his 130th.

Clemens (10-3) allowed three runs and four hits over seven innings and struck out eight in his first game at Dodger Stadium. It was the 36th major-league stadium in which he's pitched.

He received a warm reception from the crowd of 46,321 as he walked to the mound for the first inning.

Clemens gave up just two hits before the tide turned in the sixth, thanks to pesky Dave Roberts, who leads the Dodgers with

28 stolen bases. He coaxed a leadoff walk on a 3-2 pitch and swiped second after several throws to first by Clemens.

"You just try and wear him out if you can," Clemens said. "Those two guys, Roberts and (Cesar) Izturis, can do a lot of things, so it's to your advantage to keep them off base. I can compare them to those first two guys with Florida in the World Series last year. They can cause you some trouble."

Izturis followed with a bloop double just inside the right-field line and Lo Duca bunched the next pitch into the left-field bullpen for his second home run in three days against the Astros.



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Thor Hushovd of Norway reacts as he crosses the finish line to win the 8th stage of the Tour de France. Kim Kirchen of Luxembourg is seen at right foreground, and Erik Zabel of Germany, rear.

Hushovd sprints to win

Tour contenders eye rest, looming climbs

BY JOHN LEICESTER
The Associated Press

QUIMPER, France — Thor Hushovd sprinted to the finish line to win the rain-soaked eighth stage of the Tour de France on Sunday, with Lance Armstrong and other top contenders behind in the trailing pack.

Hushovd, from Norway, used a closing burst of speed to win the 104-mile stage from Lamballe to Quimper. The ride included four modest hill climbs and was run mostly through rain.

"The Vikings have returned to Brittany," said Hushovd, who completed the stage in 3 hours, 54 minutes, 22 seconds. "Today really was my day. I'm very happy."

Overall, Armstrong remained in sixth place, 9 minutes and 35 seconds behind leader Thomas Voeckler. Jan Ullrich is still 55 seconds behind Armstrong. American Tyler Hamilton is 36 seconds behind the five-time champion.

All three riders clocked the

same time as Hushovd. Ullrich finished 21st, Hamilton 30th and Armstrong 33rd.

Hushovd placed third in the first stage, second in Stage 2 and wore the overall leader's yellow jersey for one day in the first week. He said he is aiming to win the green jersey for the best sprinter when the Tour finishes in Paris on July 25.

Armstrong, Ullrich and other top riders have largely focused on avoiding crashes that could end their Tour hopes. Their sights are fixed on the Pyrenees that come at the end of this week and the Alps that follow.

"Today, I had trouble because it was slippery and dangerous," Ullrich said.

On Monday, the tired pack gets a well-earned day of rest before embarking on the trials of the Massif Central, where the Tour will get its first taste of the mountains.

Johan Bruyneel, sporting direc-

tor of Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service team, said the rest would allow the squad to catch its breath. Overall, Armstrong is satisfied with the first week, he said.

"He is happy despite the bad weather, the falls. We try to avoid the falls," Bruyneel said. "We had some scary moments, but I think it was the same for all the teams. Every team has suffered some damage."

"Seeing all that has happened, the rest day will be very welcome."

The victory by the 26-year-old Hushovd capped a week where youth has largely triumphed over experience.

The Tour's youngest rider, Italy's 22-year-old Filippo Pozzato, won Saturday's stage from Chateaubriant to Saint-Etienne in Brittany.

Voeckler is just 25. Other young stars of the first week included 23-year-old Swiss rider Fabian Cancellara, who beat 32-year-old Armstrong into second place in the debut time trial.

Levet wins Scottish, earns spot in British

The Associated Press

LUSS, Scotland — Thomas Levet matched the lowest round of his career Sunday, an 8-under 63 that gave him a one-shot victory in the Scottish Open and put his vacation plans on hold.

Along with his first victory in three years, the Frenchman earned an unlikely trip to the British Open.

"It is something enormous,"

Levet said after a 29 on the back nine. "I don't think I will sleep tonight. Too much adrenaline. Too much happiness."

With five players jockeying for the lead on a cool, gray afternoon along the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond, the 35-year-old Levet was not even in the picture. All that changed with a birdie-birdie-eagle-birdie run that started on the par-3 11th, and an approach into 3 feet on the final hole for the birdie that mattered.

One spot at the British Open was available to the top finisher at Loch Lomond not already eligible. Levet, who finished at 15-under 269, got his third European tour victory and another shot at the claret jug that eluded him two years ago when he lost in a five-hole playoff to Ernie Els.

"I don't have any clothes," Levet said. "My wife was planning a holiday next week. She'll go to Troon instead."

Michael Campbell was poised to win until trying to drive the green on the 345-yard 14th and going into the creek, making bogey, then dropping another stroke by blading a bunker shot over the green on the 15th.

He still had a chance to tie on the final hole, but his 18-foot birdie lie just turned away. Campbell finished with a 70.

Defending champion Ernie Els also was in the hunt, but he bogeyed the 12th and missed an 8-foot birdie putt on the par-5 13th that robbed him of momentum.

Still, he closed with a 68 and tied for third with David Howell (70), putting him a good frame of mind heading to Royal Troon.

"I hit a couple good ones today, but I know what I have to work on for next week," Els said. "At least I take a little bit of form there."

Henshy wins Deere in playoff

SILVIS, Ill. — Mark Henshy tapped in for par on the second playoff hole in the John Deere Classic on Sunday, finally breaking through for his first career victory.

Henshy shot a 66 to finish at 16-under 268, and got the victory when John Morgan hit his drive on the par-3 16th far left of the green.

Morgan waved goodbye as the shot sailed into thick brush. He clipped across the green and into the bunker, nearly made the sand shot and stood by and watched as Henshy two-putted for par and the \$685,000 winner's check.

It wasn't all bad news for Morgan, though.

The victory would have earned Henshy a trip to next week's British Open at Royal Troon, but he declined.

Instead the shot went to Morgan (65), a native of England.

U.S. Open champ Mallon adds Canadian title to résumé

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario — Meg Mallon completed her North American double on Sunday, running away to win the Canadian Women's Open a week after winning the U.S. Women's Open.

Leaning heavily on her sharp putting stroke, Mallon shot a final-round 22-under 70, finishing with an 18-under 270 to win \$195,000 at Legends on the Niagara Battlefield course.

Defending champion Beth Daniel finished second, four strokes back, after shooting a final-round 70.

James edges Senior field

DEARBORN, Mich. — Mark James shot a 1-over 73 and held off Jose-Mane Canizares for a one-stroke victory Sunday in the Senior Players Championship.

James finished at 13-under 275 and was the first European to win a Champions Tour major.

Canizares struggled on the back nine and made double bogey at Nos. 14 and 17 in a 1-under 71, finishing at 12-under 276.

Bruce Fleisher (71) finished third at 11 under, and Bruce Lietzke (71) was fourth, another stroke back. Gary McCord (74) and Dana Quigley (72) tied for fifth at 9 under.

James became the sixth player to make the Players Championship his first Champions Tour victory.



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Justin Labonte gets first Busch victory

The Associated Press

JOLIET, Ill. — When Justin Labonte rumbled off on his victory lap, waving the checkered flag from his window, it was hard to tell who was prouder — father or son.

Labonte extended his family's winning tradition — another generation Saturday, earning his first NASCAR Busch series victory at the Tropicana Twister 300 as his father Terry looked on.

"To me, personally, it was bigger than when I've ever had," said Terry Labonte, a two-time NASCAR Winston Cup champion. "I couldn't even talk after the race. It's pretty special, it really is. I don't know what else to say."

Running on Mike Wallace's bumper for the last three laps, Justin Labonte didn't think he could catch Wallace. But Wallace ran out of gas after they took the white flag for the final lap, and Justin Labonte flew by him, cruised to the win.

He beat Jason Keller by 4.19 seconds. Jeff Burton was third. "I was going to do a burnout," Justin Labonte said, "but I can remember my dad saying nobody should do a burnout."

Terry Labonte has always been understated in his victory celebrations, getting the checkered flag and holding it out the window as



Justin Labonte holds the Tropicana Twister 300 trophy after winning at Chicagoland Speedway Saturday, in Joliet, Ill.

he takes his victory lap. There also was the matter of the engine. Justin Labonte is running part-time on the Busch series this year, and he knew he couldn't afford to blow out his best engine.

So while the rest of the field left the track, Justin Labonte drove to the flagstand and asked for the checkered flag. It dropped on the roof, and lay there for several seconds before Justin climbed halfway out of the car and grabbed it.

"He didn't have the fastest car, but something good happened to a good person and a good family,

and that's pretty cool to see," Burton said. "He earned the race, no-body gave it to him. People will say he got lucky. They made the right call. They made the right calls to win the race."

And they got all the calls after the race. Terry Labonte said his cell phone started ringing as he walked down the hauler where he'd watched the race — "Wore a hole in the top of it" — to victory lane, and didn't stop. It was still ringing about an hour later, as he and Justin talked with reporters.

Justin was in victory lane when he got a phone call from his uncle, Bobby, who won the NASCAR championship in 2000.

"I don't know where he's at, but he said he was watching on TV," Justin Labonte said. "I hate he missed it because he was a big part of this."

Schumacher wins British GP

SILVERSTONE, England — Michael Schumacher was tested Sunday at the British Grand Prix — only for 15 laps.

Schumacher won for the 10th time in 11 races this season, but not before holding off last-ditch challenges from McLaren's Kimi Raikkonen and Ferrari teammate Rubens Barrichello.

A crash on the 40th lap resulted in a safety car, reducing Schumacher's seemingly comfortable lead and setting up an intense 15-lap race to the finish.

Schumacher prevailed again,

however, for the 80th victory of his career. Raikkonen finished 2.1 seconds behind with Barrichello another second back.

"It's just unbelievable what's happening to me and the team this year," said Schumacher, whose winning time was 1 hour, 24 minutes, 42.700 seconds. His average speed was 135.738 mph.

Things got interesting when Jarno Trulli of Renault crashed his car with 20 laps to go. He walked away after the car had spun several times and flipped over, eventually landing in a gravel run-off area.

The crash and safety car allowed Raikkonen a third pit stop.

Schumacher, who was safely in the lead, had already made two and didn't need another, and was anticipating pulling away when Raikkonen stopped again.

When the safety car pulled off after the 45th lap, Schumacher held a narrow 0.2-second lead over Raikkonen. The last 15 laps featured some of the best racing of the season, with Schumacher slowly pulling away from Raikkonen and Barrichello to win his third British Grand Prix.

NASCAR changes rules for scoring on pit road

JOLIET, Ill. — Recognizing that complicated rules changes have led to new problems, NASCAR President Mike Helton said Saturday the series will return to its old way of scoring cars on pit road under a caution.

Austria upsets U.S. in Fed Cup

The Associated Press

INNSBRUCK, Austria — Barbara Schwartz beat Lisa Raymond 10-8 in the third set Sunday to clinch Austria's upset of the United States in the Fed Cup quarterfinals.

Coupled with Barbara Schett's 6-3, 6-2 win over Chanda Rubin in the day's opening match, Schwartz's 7-6 (3), 4-6, 10-8 victory gave Austria a 3-1 lead in the best-of-five series.

"It's an unbelievable performance," Schett said. "Reaching the semifinals for the second time in three years is a great accomplishment for a country like Austria."

The United States had won the Fed Cup 17 times and reached the semifinals in 35 of the competition's 41 years.

But Raymond and Rubin gave the United States a third-string scare, because such stars as Venus and Serena Williams, Lindsay Davenport and Jennifer Capriati opted not to play.

"I knew it would be hard to get people in July," first hard to get people in July," U.S. captain Zina Garrison said. "I didn't look at it like I was missing my four top players. I had full confidence in the players we had."

Austria also knocked out the United States in 2002, when then-captain Billie Jean King kicked Capriati off the team on

the eve of the matches.

On Sunday, Schwartz, ranked just 324th, was carried off the court on her teammates' shoulders after she held on to beat the 30th-ranked Raymond in a nearly three-hour match.

"I had her a couple of times, but I didn't put the nail in the coffin," said Raymond.

Federer earns first Swiss title

GSTAAD, Switzerland — Wimbledon champion Roger Federer beat Andre Agassi 6-2, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3 Sunday to win the Swiss Open for the first time. It's the tour-leading seventh title of the season for the top-ranked Federer, who has won his last nine finals.

"I always believed that I could win in Switzerland," said Federer, who adjusted quickly to this tournament's red clay after beating Andy Roddick in the Wimbledon final for his 24th straight victory on grass.

Federer entered Sunday with 17 tour titles, including three from Grand Slam tournaments, but he never had managed to win in his home country. Last year, Federer won Wimbledon then came to the Swiss Open and lost in the final to Jiri Novak.

Federer is only the second Swiss man to win the Swiss Open. He was Heinz Günthard in 1980; Günthard later coached Steffi Graf and worked with Jennifer Capriati this year.

Hawks waiting for Martin

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Hawks are willing to wait for Kenyon Martin.

The New Jersey Nets' free agent was expected to leave Atlanta on Saturday with a six-year maximum contract offer — as much as \$85 million.

"Going through the process, we let the guy know we have a great town and a great facility and we have an interest in putting the best team together," Hawks vice president Dominique Wilkins told The Associated Press Saturday.

Martin, however, is a restricted free agent, which means if he signs the Hawks' offer sheet, New Jersey can take 15 days to decide whether to match it.

By that point, the free agent market may have dwindled considerably. Players can begin signing with new teams on Wednesday, and if the Nets decide on the 15th day to match the offer, Atlanta and its \$20 million in cap space could be left without a high-profile free agent.

Martin has said he would prefer to remain with New Jersey, but the Nets may not be willing to match a maximum offer. The 6-foot-9 power forward has also visited the Denver Nuggets.

Martin, a 2004 All-Star, averaged 16.7 points and 9.5 rebounds for the Nets last season. The former Cincinnati standout was the first pick in 2000 NBA draft, and has helped the Nets reach the



American Lisa Raymond lost to Austria's Barbara Schwartz 7-6 (3), 4-6, 10-8 on Sunday.

NBA Finals twice in four seasons.

Reports: Pacers looking to trade Harrington for Jackson

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers are negotiating a trade that would send forward Harrington to Atlanta for Stephen Jackson, according to reports.

"We're close and hopefully it will be done soon. I'm definitely hoping it works out," Jackson told The Indianapolis Star on Saturday from his home in Port Arthur, Texas.

The Star and ESPN.com reported Saturday night that the 26-year-old Jackson would sign a six-year contract worth \$44 million with Atlanta and then be traded to the Pacers for Harrington. Harrington, who has two years and \$13.1 million left on his contract, is one of the NBA's top sixth men but wants more playing time.

The positions of the cars on the track will be "frozen" once the yellow flag waves, but Helton said pit lane will now be active.

The change is effective immediately, and will affect all three of NASCAR's top series.

"That's how we used to do it, and it's pretty black-and-white," Helton said.

Unlike many racing bodies, NASCAR does not revert back to the order of the last completed green-flag lap when there's a caution.

Drivers used to race to the finish line when a yellow flag came out, but NASCAR scrapped that practice last fall for safety considerations.

Instead, NASCAR decided to "freeze the field" under caution. The change has caused much debate — and confusion — over how to freeze the drivers' position, and Helton was forced to apologize after drivers at the MBN 400 in Dover ran out of laps under caution while officials struggled to figure out the correct order of cars.

Under the change announced Saturday, a car pitting behind the start-finish line when the caution comes out must reach that line before the lead car gets to the same point on the track. If it doesn't, it loses a lap to the leader.

Cars pitting in front of the start-finish line have to reach the pit road exit line before the lead car reaches the same point on the track to stay on the lead lap. Antennas and cameras will be used to ensure proper scoring.

Shaquille O'Neal reportedly reached

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"No extension was agreed upon. That was never a condition for Shaquille," Rogers said. "He wanted to go to an environment that was a team environment. We feel confident that that's what Pat Riley and [owner] Micky Arison have created as a culture. This is the type of place that Shaquille would love to finish his career."

In Los Angeles, the formal announcement of Rudy Tomjanovich's hiring as the Lakers' new coach was partially overshadowed by the O'Neal trade talk and Kobe Bryant's free agency.

Tomjanovich said he spoke with O'Neal, but declined to divulge any details. "I just hope all those things turn out well," he said.

"I don't know how this is going to play out, I really don't," he said. "I don't know if something to report, we'll report it."

Kupchak said that he had not spoken with O'Neal or his representatives, but added: "Shaquille has a great history of letting me know information I should know."

Last year, O'Neal averaged a career-low 21.5 points with 11.5 rebounds and 2.48 blocks.

Jones doesn't qualify for Olympics 100

By ROB GLOSTER
The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Perhaps it was the stress of fighting doping allegations. Maybe it was the physical and emotional strains of motherhood. Or perhaps time, and a new generation of sprinters, are finally catching up with her.

Marion Jones failed to qualify for the U.S. Olympic team in the 100 meters Saturday night, losing out on a chance to defend her gold medal in her signature event at the Athens Games.

Jones started quickly but seemed to struggle as the race progressed and finished fifth in the final at the U.S. Olympic trials. The top three finishers automatically make the team.

Jones, who won five medals at the 2000 Sydney Games, still can make the Olympic team if she qualifies in the 200 meters or long jump. Or she could be picked for a relay team.

The defeat comes at a difficult time for perhaps the biggest U.S. Olympic star. She is under investigation by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, although she has repeatedly denied using drugs and has not been charged by USADA.

The 28-year-old Jones, who seemed a little stunner in the last few strides of the race as she realized she was not going to qualify, walked off the track smiling and even signed a couple of autographs for fans. But she walked quickly past a horde



Latasha Colander celebrates her win in the women's 100 meters final at the U.S. Olympic track and field trials in Sacramento, Calif.

of reporters.

Jones, known for her bubbly personality and media savvy, was escorted by a person-

al bodyguard as she stormed off the track without answering questions.

"When I talk, you guys have something negative to say. When I don't talk, you have something negative to say," she said. "I'd rather not talk and spend the time with my son."

Jones has a 1-year-old son with Tim Montgomery, the world record holder in the men's 100.

Latasha Colander won the final in 10.97 seconds, tied for second fastest in the world this year. World champion Torri Edwards was second in 11.02 and NCAA champion Lauryn Williams took the third Olympic spot in 11.10.

Gail Devers, a two-time Olympic champion in the 100, was fourth in 11.11, followed by Jones in 11.14.

Jones once dominated the 100. In addition to being the reigning Olympic champion, she is a former two-time world champion and had a streak of 42 straight wins in finals from 1997 to 2001.

Jones' boyfriend, Montgomery, barely reached the 100-meter final at the U.S. Olympic trials Sunday.

Running in a semifinal heat won by reigning Olympic champion Maurice Greene, Montgomery came from far behind to claim fourth place by nine thousandths of a second. The top four from each semifinal reached the final later Sunday.

After crossing the finish line, Montgomery waited for the times to flash on a giant scoreboard. He smiled when his fourth-place fin-

ish appeared on the scoreboard, then exchanged a high-five and a hug with John Capel, who was second in the heat.

Greene won the heat in 10.02 seconds. Montgomery's time was 10.221, while Mickey Grimes was fifth in 10.230.

Montgomery has been charged with steroid use by USADA and faces a lifetime ban if found guilty.

Even if he makes the U.S. team, he still must await a ruling in his case by the Swiss-based Court of Arbitration for Sport. If the CAS rules against him, Montgomery would be barred from the Athens Games.

Greene used to hold the world record of 9.79 until Montgomery broke that by a hundredth of a second in 2002. If Montgomery is found guilty of doping, he likely will forfeit the world record and it will revert to Greene.

Olympic silver medalist Adam Nelson won the shot put with a mark of 71 feet, and was joined on the U.S. squad by Reese Hoffa and John Godina. Godina will be competing in his third Olympics — he won silver in 1996 and bronze in 2000.

Christian Cantwell, who has the four longest throws in the world this season, finished fourth and failed to qualify for the Olympics. He fouled on five of his six attempts.

Shelia Burrell won the heptathlon. Joining her on the U.S. team for the Athens Games will be Tiffany Lott-Hogan, who finished second Saturday, and Michelle Perry.

Christy Gaines, who along with Montgomery is among the four sprinters charged with steroid use by USADA, finished fifth in her 100 semifinal and did not qualify for the final.

Phelps wins third event in trials, gets swimming baton from Spitz

By PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Mark Spitz dropped the medal around Michael Phelps' neck and pulled the teenager close, whispering in his ear.

Then Spitz hopped atop the podium, held Phelps' right hand in the air and pointed at him as if to say, "He's the man now."

The swimming baton was passed Saturday.

Michael Phelps made it three in a row at the U.S. Olympic swimming trials, dominating the 200-meter butterfly to stay on course in his bid to break Spitz's record of seven gold medals.

In a symbolic moment, the two met for the first time during the award ceremony. It seemed as if Spitz was giving his blessing for the 19-year-old to take down one of sport's most revered records when he gets to Athens next month.

"I think he really has a chance to do this," said Spitz, who won four Olympic golds at the 1972 Munich Games. "That's one of the things I told him."

The only disappointment for Phelps: He came up just short of his world record in the 200 fly, going out a little too fast and fading to a time of 1 minute, 54.31 seconds. The mark that still stands, 1:53.93, was set at last year's world championships.

It was Phelps' third individual win of the trials, following a world-record performance in the 400 individual medley and Fri-

day's victory in the 200 freestyle. He has three more individual events to swim at the trials, facing his busiest schedule yet on Sunday and Monday. If all goes well, he will swim eight races over those two days.

"I'm feeling pretty good right now," he said.

Phelps also has earned a spot on the 800 freestyle relay team and hopes to swim the other two relays, as well, giving him as many as nine chances to eclipse Spitz.

And now — finally — the two have met.

"Wow!" Phelps said. "That's probably one of the most exciting moments I've had in sports."

Former world record-holder Don Malchow won the 200 fly at the Sydney Games, while Phelps finished fifth at age 15. The tide turned over the past four years, with Phelps maturing into the world's most dominant swimmer.

Malchow also is likely to make the team after finishing second to Phelps, though he's fallen far behind the teenager. The defending Olympic gold medalist was more than three seconds behind at 1:57.37.

"Something's not right," the 27-year-old Malchow said. "I don't know if it's physical or mental. I'm getting a little older, and I really felt it this weekend."

In the women's 200 freestyle, 16-year-old Dana Vollmer upset American record-holder Lindsay Benko in the final. Benko scratched from the 400 free to focus on the shorter event, but Vollmer caught her at the finish

to win with a time of 1:59.20.

Benko held on for second at 1:59.29, while Kaitlin Sandeno and Rhi Jeffrey also earned relay spots by finishing third and fourth.

Vollmer has a rare ailment that could cause her heart to stop at any time. She keeps a defibrillator nearby while competing, but refuses to give up the sport she loves.

In the other final Saturday, 15-year-old Katie Hoff knocked off three-time Olympian Amanda Beard in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:12.06. Hoff is a member of the same swim club as Phelps, North Baltimore.

Beard took second and a likely Olympic spot at 2:12.43. Both already had made the team by winning other events — Beard the 100 breaststroke, Hoff the 400 IM.

In the men's 100 freestyle, tensions between eight-time Olympic medalist Gary Hall Jr. and Jason Lezak bubbled over again after they met for the first time.

Lezak, who earned his lone gold by swimming a relay medal at Sydney, bristled at comments by Hall's agent, David Artuck, who compared any talk of a rivalry to "Spud Webb kicking Michael Jordan in the shin."

"Spud Webb was never the fastest sprinter in the world, which I was in 2002," Lezak said. "I don't know what those guys are thinking about."

At the spring nationals, Hall accused Lezak of spitting in his lane before a race, calling it a weak attempt to psych out his opponent.



Former Olympian Mark Spitz raises the hand of Michael Phelps after Phelps won the 200 meter butterfly at the U.S. Olympic swim trials.

But Lezak has never acknowledged the spitting, saying it's hard to consider Hall an adversary when he spends much of his time away from the pool in non-Olympic years.

"Honestly, he hasn't even been around here for four years," Lezak said. "He just shows up for

the Olympics."

Lezak sent a message in the semifinals, setting an American record of 48:17. Hall put up the third best time, 49:30, sending them both to Sunday's final.

"I'm one step closer to making the team," Hall said. "It's just a race now."

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Shaq's agent says star OKs trade

Heat would send Lakers three starters, No. 1 pick

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The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Shaquille O'Neal would be happy to be traded to the Miami Heat.

That word came Saturday from O'Neal's agent, Perry Rogers, who told the South Florida Sun-Sentinel that O'Neal has given his blessing to a deal that would send him to Miami.

"We've said that we would agree to a trade," Rogers said in a story posted Saturday night on the newspaper's Web site. "I think that's going to happen. I'd be very surprised if it didn't happen."

The Los Angeles Times, citing team and

league sources, reported on its Web site Saturday night that the Lakers have in agreed in principle to trade O'Neal to the Heat for Lamar Odom, Caron Butler, Brian Grant and a first-round pick. The newspaper said the Lakers declined to comment on the trade.

A deal cannot be completed until Wednesday when a two-week league-wide moratorium on trades and free agent signings expires.

"It's very serious. I think it's very close to getting done," said Grant's agent, Mark Bartelstein.

Greeted by reporters as he was leaving a gym near his Orlando mansion, O'Neal said he had not yet met with Heat Presi-

dent Pat Riley and declined to comment on a possible trade.

"I can't say anything about that today," said O'Neal, flashing a big smile.

But ESPN, the Sun-Sentinel and the Times reported that O'Neal joined his representatives for a three-hour meeting that included Riley and Heat General Manager Randy Pfund.

O'Neal's contract runs for two more seasons with a combined salary of almost \$59 million, and he was angered earlier this season when the Lakers refused to offer him an extension.

Rogers said the Heat had not discussed a new contract with O'Neal.

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Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal exits Gold's Gym in Orlando, Fla., after a workout Saturday.

Jones' 100-meter hopes dashed



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Marion Jones catches her breath after finishing fifth in the 100 meters at the U.S. Olympic track and field trials Saturday, in Sacramento, Calif. Jones, who won the event at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney but has been under investigation by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, did not qualify for the upcoming Athens Olympics in her signature event. See story on Page 31.



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